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#### MIDEAST

## Coalition: Airstrikes destroy ISIS mountain camp, cave hideout

By CHAD GARLAND Stars and Stripes

Coalition strikes took out three Islamic State camp sites in Iraq's Kirkuk province on Friday, while jets "blasted" an ISIS cave in Nineveh province.

The "summer camp" in rural Kirkuk was located about 16 miles west of the city of Tuz Khurmatu in "densely-vegetated austere terrain," the U.S.-led Operation Inherent Resolve said in a statement on Saturday. Strike videos described them as ISIS mountain training areas.

Despite losing control of its last territory in Iraq more than two years ago, ISIS continues to wage an insurgency while hiding out in the mountains, deserts and other rural areas of the country.

While Iraqi security forces have "tacti-cal overmatch against ISIS," Army Col. Myles B. Caggins III, a coalition military spokesman, said in the statement that "airstrikes help destroy ISIS targets in terrain difficult to reach by standard vehicles."

An F-15E Eagle fighter jet carried out the strikes, which killed an estimated five ISIS fighters, Caggins told Stars and Stripes via text message. Iraqi forces were still conducting an assessment of the damage, he said Saturday.

Caggins also posted video of the strike in Nineveh province on Twitter, which he said killed four militants. Recent killing or capture of ISIS leaders has left "their lowly terrorists followers dazed & disillusioned, Caggins tweeted

Late last month, Syrian forces said that a coalition strike in Syria killed one of the top three leaders of ISIS, Mutaz Numan and Nayif Najm al-Jaburi, about a week after officials in Baghdad said they were

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## **BUSINESS/WEATHER**

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## Airbus seeks voluntary job cuts before more layoffs

Bloomberg

Airbus plans to pursue voluntary job cuts before seeking forced reductions, as it aims to bring down costs without inciting a political uproar in France and Germany, according to people familiar with the matter.

The European planemaker will mandate redundancies only as a last resort after looking at voluntary layoffs and early retirement across its manufacturing operations, said the people, who asked not to be named because deliberations are ongoing. The total is likely to range between 12,000 and 16,000 employees, estimates George Ferguson, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst.

Caught in a demand downturn Caught in a demand downturn years, Airbus must scale back quickly to stop cash outflows and regain its financial balance by year-end, Chief Executive Officer Guillaume Faury warned in his latest letter to staff, seen by Bloomberg.

The magnitude of the crisis calls for "heart-wrenching deci-

sions," Faury said. "What this means in reality is a necessary downsizing of our business."

Airbus has raised liquidity, shashed production and put factory workers on rolling furloughs since the coronavirus spread across the globe earlier this year. The Toulouse, France-based company has yet to put in place a plan for permanent job cuts.

The company expects to give more detailed guidance to employees by the end of July, Faury said in the letter, reported earlier by La Tribune

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Euro costs (June 22)	\$1.10
Dollar buys (June 22)	€0.8673
British pound (June 22)	\$1.21
Japanese yen (June 22)	104.00
South Korean won (June 22)	1,181.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3776
British pound	\$1.2379
Canada (Dollar)	1.3582
China (Yuan)	7.0739
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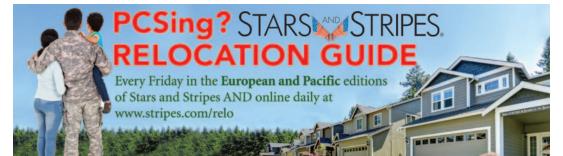


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# **Tokyo calls for** probe into lost **Osprey part**

By HANA KUSUMOTO AND SETH ROBSON Stars and Strines

TOKYO - Local authorities in western Tokyo are calling for an investigation into whether a small part may have fallen from a CV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft stationed at Yokota.

Part of a searchlight dome was missing during a check of the Osprev at about 5 p.m. Tuesday, according to a North Kanto Defense Bureau spokesman. The bureau is an arm of Japan's defense

A spokesman for the 374th Airlift Wing, 1st Lt. Stuart Thrift, in an email Friday confirmed the part was not there when the helicopter-airplane hybrid was inspected after the flight.

U.S. forces notified the bureau Wednesday that the part, which weighs just under a pound, was missing.

On Thursday, the Tokyo prefectural governor and the mayors of a town and five cities surrounding Yokota wrote to the 374th Airlift Wing's vice commander, Col. Jason Mills, and North Kanto Defense Bureau director Takahisa Matsuda asking for an investigation.

"The fallen part is a serious accident, which could involve human lives, and causes anxiety among the residents," the letter stated

It's not clear the part fell, the defense bureau spokesman said. No off-base damage has been reported.

"Parts have gone missing from aircraft assigned to or visiting to Yokota Air Base in the past," the

The fallen part is a serious accident. which could involve human lives, and causes anxiety. 7

letter from Japan officials

local authorities' letter stated. "It is extremely regrettable that CV-22 Ospreys continue to fly even after 5 p.m. when you noticed the missing part."

All of Yokota's air operations are conducted in accordance with relevant airspace agreements and regulations between the U.S. and Japanese governments, Thrift

"We make every effort to minimize our impact on local communities while ensuring we maintain proficiency in our flight operations for the defense of Japan," he added.

The Ospreys have been operating at Yokota since October 2018. A series of protests by locals concerned about the safety of the aircraft were held outside the base that year after the detachment's surprise arrival in April, two years ahead of schedule.

Five Ospreys are flying out of Yokota with plans for another five to join them at a time to be determined by the U.S. and Japanese governments, according to officials.

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The 561st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the 558th AMXS paint team at Robins Air Force Base Ga., collaborated June 17, to stencil the name of 48th Fighter Wing pilot 1st Lt. Kenneth "Kage" Allen on an F-15 aircraft. Allen was piloting an F-15C Eagle during a training mission when his plane crashed into the North Sea on June 15.

## USAF pilot memorialized on F-15

By JENNIEER H. SVAN Stars and Stripes

Air Force maintainers on both sides of the Atlantic have honored the memory of 1st Lt. Kenneth "Kage" Allen, who died last week when his F-15C crashed in the North Sea, by temporarily stenciling his name on two fighter

Maintainers with the 48th Fighter Wing at RAF Lakenheath added Allen's name to the wing's flagship F-15C Eagle, which is the same model that Allen flew for the 493rd Fighter Squadron, Air Force officials at Lakenheath

The jet departed Lakenheath for depot maintenance Friday, "signifying Lt. Allen's final departure from the Liberty Wing,' said wing spokeswoman Maj. Sybil Taunton.

At Robins Air Force Base, Ga., another team of maintainers also paid tribute to Allen by adding his name to an F-15 Strike Eagle assigned to the 48th Fighter Wing that had just completed maintenance, the Air Force said.

"It was a lovely gesture. We weren't expecting it," Taunton The jet is scheduled to return to

Lakenheath this week

Because Air Force regulations stipulate that the name of the lead pilot assigned to a plane must feature on operational aircraft, the lettering will eventually be removed, Taunton said.

Allen's jet crashed off the coast of northern England on June 15 during a routine training mission. The cause of the crash is under investigation, the Air Force said.

The 494th Fighter Squadron conducted a flyover that included a "missing man" formation Thursday, the same day Allen's body was returned to his family in the U.S., Taunton said. During the flight, the "missing man" jet climbs away from the formation. leaving a gap that signifies his absence from the 48th Fighter Wing and the hole in our hearts from his untimely departure,' Taunton said.

Others who wish to pay tribute to Allen can tie a yellow ribbon on

a sign featuring the 493rd Fighter Squadron patch that has been placed inside the fence by one of the gates at Lakenheath, Taunton said

Yellow is one of the colors of the squadron, nicknamed "The Grim Reapers." People on base and in the local community have been wearing gold and yellow to show support for the squadron as it mourns the loss of Allen, Taunton

"The support for Lt. Allen, the 493rd Fighter Squadron, and the family has been clearly felt, not only on both sides of the Atlantic but from around the world and the Liberty Wing is very thankful for this," 48th Fighter Wing commander Col. Will Marshall said in a statement

Allen, who was 27, is survived by his wife, Hannah, and his parents.

A Gofundme page set up by the family to help with travel and funeral expenses has raised \$39,600 out of a \$50,000 goal

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## Kadena calls out robbery reports for putting US troops in 'negative light'

By MATTHEW M. BURKE

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CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa - The Air Force on Okinawa has pushed back against local media outlets it says attempted to paint the island's U.S. military community in a negative light.

The news reports concern a soldier and a civilian, both from the U.S. and who worked at Kadena Air Base, awaiting trial in an Okinawa court for the alleged robbery of a currency exchange store near Camp Foster.

The 18th Wing at Kadena, commanded by Air Force Brig. Gen. Joel Carey, issued a statement Thursday that provided "clarification" on those reports, which were not specified

A spokesman for Okinawa prefecture

said some local media reported that Carey refused to go to the prefectural government offices and apologize for the robbery.

The 18th Wing did not respond to requests Friday from Stars and Stripes to identify those news reports or comment

However, the Ryukyu Shimpo, an Okinawa newspaper, reported June 14 that Carey "did not apologize for the incident. It also reported that ILS officials "turned down" requests to visit the prefectural government offices.

The Okinawa prefecture spokesman dismissed those reports as inaccurate. He said Thursday that prefectural officials had instead agreed to meet Carey at the base because of scheduling conflicts. Government spokespeople in Japan customarily speak on condition of anonymity as a condition of their employment.

"We don't recall anything unusual that happened during the meeting with the Kadena commander," the spokesman said Thursday evening, "Brig, Gen, Carey said this incident was regretful to happen. He used the word regretful, not sorry ... I am not sure why the local press released negative reports like the U.S. refused to

apologize.' The 18th Wing statement from its public affairs office acknowledged the meeting but provided no details.

"Again, [the robbery] was extremely regrettable and disappointing and all leaders within Kadena Air Base recognize this,' the statement said.

"Unfortunately, there are several in the local media who wish to paint the U.S. military on Okinawa in a negative light regardless of what the facts may be," it continued. "But regardless, we will continue to work with our local neighbors and Okinawan leadership in a dialogue founded on truth and transparency as we all strive to improve our relationship and our local community.

The prefectural spokesman said the U.S. military satisfactorily cooperated in the robbery case. The spokesman said that sometimes their words are taken out of context or twisted by local media.

"The local newspapers have their own views and stances on the issues, and they choose the words in their reports however they'd like," the prefectural spokesman said Friday. "Sometimes, it is not what we meant to say. We never direct the newspaper reporters to say [negative things].

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# **Camp Humphreys** celebrates first **Juneteenth event**

Stars and Stripes

CAMP HUMPHREYS. South Korea - Nearly 1,000 people turned out for a celebration here Friday that aimed to raise awareness about the day the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas, to tell African Americans slaves they had been freed.

Juneteenth is not a federal holiday but is celebrated with gatherings and festivals in Texas and many other states.

Army Maj. Ryan Vandrovec, an intelligence officer for the 2nd Infantry Division, said he had never heard of Juneteenth, even though he gave Black History Month lessons as a high school teacher in Florida.

"I'm from Miami, where it is super multicultural," he said during the event, which featured historical readings, music, food and games. "It was just never brought up down there."

The celebration is the brainchild of Humphreys Middle School fifth-grade teacher Domenique Marie, who was inspired by civil unrest after the May 25 apolis. Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man arrested on suspicion of using a counterfeit \$20 bill, suffocated while a white police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes

"Juneteenth is important to everybody, not just Black peo-ple," Marie told those in attendance. "Juneteenth is a tribute to strength, endurance and the faith of our ancestors, for we are our ancestors' greatest accomplishment. We are their wildest dream."

"For all Americans, it is a re-minder that until all of us are free, that no one is really free. she added. "Today we celebrate glory - we celebrate the breaking of chains."

The festival was attended by garrison commander Col. Michael Tremblay and Command Sgt. Maj. Benjamin Lemon Jr., who recited General Order No. 3 of 1865 to the crowd. The order was originally issued on June 19. 1865, in Galveston, Texas, to inform residents about the Emancipation Proclamation and freed all enslaved people in the state



A scoreboard displays June 19, 1865, during a Juneteenth celebration at Camp Humphreys, South Korea, on Friday.

Friday's celebration also featured a symbolic fitness event in which people walked the Balboni Field track for 1.865 seconds in honor of the year 1865.

Vandrovec said he attended the celebration because he wants to teach his young daughter that "we are all an inclusive society." He also praised military leaders like Tremblay and Lemon for helping make it happen.

"What is good about this is it makes people feel like their leadership heard them," he said. "We are not just checking the box."

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Camp Humphreys, speaks to the nearly 1.000 people in attendance

## Yokosuka holds community panel to discuss race-related issues

By Caitlin Doornbos Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan — A diverse panel of six sailors and family members gathered at Yokosuka's headquarters Friday to discuss racism in a community presentation that coincided with the Juneteenth holiday celebrating the end of slavery in America.

Juneteenth marks the day June 19, 1865 — that the Union Army arrived in Galveston, Texas, and gave African Americans there the news that they were freed by the Emancipation Proclamation more than two years earlier. It is not a federal holiday but is celebrated with gatherings and festivals in Texas and many other states.

At Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan, a diverse panel of six sailors and family members gathered at base headquarters to discuss racism. Social-distancing requirements kept the audience to 50 people, although about 100 additional people watched via Facebook Live.

Cmdr. Robert "Mac" McFarlin, skipper of the guided-missile destroyer USS Benfold, told the panel he has struggled with a "lack of empathy and a lack of understanding" from some of his white colleagues.



Sailors and family members at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, share their experiences with racism during a panel discussion streamed on Facebook Live on Friday.

"If I told you I was the victim of sexual assault, even if that has never been something that you have experienced ... you could figure out how to empathize." he said. "But when we talk about racism — systemic racism — racism that is as much a part of America as is our uniforms and our flag, people just automatically turn off their brain.

One of the event's organizers Navy spouse Sarah Brady, said the panel aimed to be "representative of the broader base community" and an opportunity "to build unity and not drive division.

"We saw a need in the [Yoko-

suka] community for a timely, constructive conversation related to the race-related events that are being highlighted in the U.S. and wanted to focus on what we can personally do to take actionable stens towards racial reconciliation and awareness — both here in Japan and at home," Brady told Stars and Stripes in a Facebook message Friday. The discussion was one of

many debates over racism in the United States taking place since protests and riots erupted across the country after the May 25 killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man arrested on suspicion of using a counterfeit \$20 bill to buy cigarettes at a convenience store, suffocated while a white police officer knelt on his neck for nearly nine minutes.

Panelist Asia White, a Navy chief assigned to the Naval Information Operations Center in Yokosuka, told the panel that Floyd's killing brought a harsh reminder about the way Black people are treated, especially in the civilian

"The military gave me a false sense of comfortability," she said.
"I thought, 'in the military, everyone is equal, everyone has the same opportunity to succeed, so the world must be the same.'

White said that after the video of Floyd's death was released, she had a tearful conversation with her young son about how to act when approached by a police officer because of his skin color.

"I was living in this bubble that I didn't know existed," she said. "Because you're Black, not everyone is going to give you the opportunity to be yourself."

"I was fearful I was stealing my child's childhood away," she said of the difficult discussion.

To move forward, White encouraged fellow leaders to embrace diversity and end well-intentioned but ill-advised attitude of "not seeing color."

"As leaders, we are put in a position to lead these individuals If you don't see them, you can't relate to them," White said. "By saying, 'I don't see color,' you're stripping that person of their strengths, their skills - everything that belongs to them."

Panelist Lt. Cmdr. Rvan de Vera, a public information officer at Navy Public Affairs Support Element, said during the discussion that he and his wife have been watching documentaries and movies to educate themselves on racism and the Black experience, and encouraged the audience to do so, as well.

De Vera said he has experienced racism as an Asian man and believes more conversations like the one Friday should take place to enable positive change and empathy.

"I'll never know what it's like to be a Black person; I have my experiences of racism, but they certainly don't compare to the systemic racism," he said. "I'm glad I'm hearing [these stories] because that's what we need more of — being comfortable with discomfort"

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# **Rheinland-Pfalz** soldiers allowed to travel globally

By Jennifer H. Svan Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - Some Army personnel in Germany can once again travel internationally after a general order issued Friday by the 21st Theater Sustainment Command lifted more coronavirus restrictions.

But the loosening of travel restrictions applies only to service members assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz, and their cross-border trips remain limited to a list of around two dozen European countries, says the order signed by 21st TSC commander, Maj. Gen. Christopher Mohan.

Unofficial travel to the U.S. remains off-limits, it says.

While the general order applies to soldiers, Army civilians, family members and other affiliated personnel in the 21st TSC's area of responsibility, the travel limitations apply only to service members, the command said.

"For civilians, as long as they're adhering to the rules, laws and restrictions to whatever country they're traveling to, there are no limitations," said command spokesman Army Master Sgt. Dan Bailey.

All other military personnel under Mohan's authority must seek approval "for all leave, pass and other unofficial travel' across international borders, the order says. This includes personnel in Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece and Kosovo.

Command personnel and their families can also frequent offbase businesses, including gyms and bars, provided they are authorized to open by the host nation and are abiding by rules to curb the coronavirus, the order



A cafe in the Montmartre district of Paris in pre-coronavirus, social distancing days. Personnel assigned to U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland Pfalz may travel internationally but only to about 25 countries in Europe, a new general order from 21st TSC says.

Under the order, social gatherings can now involve more than two households, but personnel must adhere to host-nation guidance when determining how many families may come together, Bailey said.

The list of countries service members assigned to USAG Rheinland-Pfalz may travel to are Iceland, Greece, France, the Netherlands, Hungary, Belgium, Norway, Croatia, Finland, the United Kingdom, Slovenia, Spain, Ireland, Montenegro, Denmark, Luxembourg, Latvia, Switzerland, Italy, Estonia, Austria, Lichtenstein, Lithuania and Slovakia.

The list will be updated as conditions change in those and other countries. Bailey said.

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## Guam: 22 more DOD personnel have virus

Twenty active-duty troops and two Defense Department health care workers from Andersen Air Force Base were confirmed to have been infected with the coronavirus on Saturday, according to a statement from the Guam governor's office

The service members belong to a unit that deployed to Andersen on May 25. On Wednesday, the Air Force announced that several of the unit's members had tested positive.

Saturday's infections were identified through contact tracing, bringing the unit's total number of cases to 35, the governor's office statement said.

The two health care workers announced Saturday were screened at Andersen after reporting they had come in contact with infected individuals, it added.

Upon arrival, members of the unit had been lodged at the Guam Reef Hotel in Tumon, the island's main commercial district about 13 miles southwest of the base, according to an Air Force statement Wednesday. They all received medical checks at that time.

On June 11, one of those service members showed symptoms of COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus. That person was tested by staff from U.S. Naval Hospital Guam and on June 12 found to be positive.

The Air Force did not disclose the dates that they tested positive nor the unit to which they belonged.

All service members with the unit have been moved to Andersen and placed in isolation, the statement said.

Guam, a U.S. territory, had been in the headlines for weeks in April and May as the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt was in port there dealing with a coronavirus outbreak that infected more than 1,100 crew members and killed one.

As of Saturday, Guam had reported 222 confirmed cases - 44 of which were active - and five deaths. Of those cases, 42 are U.S. service members, it said.

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## Some US bases in Japan ease limits, others see first cases

By Caitlin Doornbos Stars and Strines

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan - Some U.S. military bases in Japan further eased anti-coronavirus restrictions on Friday, while others continued to deal with the pandemic.

At Yokosuka, south of Tokyo, and at Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, in western Japan, service members, civilians, contractors and their families may now dine inside off-base restaurants and use off-base barbers and hair salons, according to policies updated Friday. Bars remain off-limits

Some installations also eased their travel restrictions. Yokosuka now allows its residents to go anywhere within Kanagawa prefecture except Kawasaki and Yokohama; Tokyo is also out of bounds

Iwakuni expanded its boundaries to include Shimane, Hiroshima and Yamaguchi prefectures, except Shimonoseki.

Personnel from Naval Air Facility Atsugi may now travel throughout the Kanagawa

prefecture, except Yokohama, but off-base dining remains prohibited.

U.S. bases began lifting restrictions after U.S. Forces Japan softened its health protection condition from "substantial" to "mod-erate" on June 12. They had been under heightened restrictions and shelter-in-place orders since March.

Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo and Misawa Air Base in northern Japan recently reported new coronavirus cases among indi viduals who came to those installations from

On Saturday, Misawa announced that two people tested positive after landing there on a U.S. government-chartered flight on June 15. Days earlier, officials confirmed that an undisclosed number of members of a transient aircrew, who also arrived on June 15, were infected, prompting the base to issue a 24-hour shelter-in-place order restricting everyone to their homes if not working a mission-essential

That order was lifted Thursday, but only for



American and Japanese ships, including the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan, dock at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, April 14.

on-base activity. Officials will assess whether off-base liberty may be allowed again before the extended Fourth of July weekend, Misawa

Also on June 15, a "member of the Yokota community" tested positive after returning to Japan from the United States, the 374th Airlift

More information on the updates to restrictions was available on installation Facebook pages Friday.

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## Two more test positive with virus after landing at Misawa

Stars and Stripes

TOKYO - Two people who arrived June 15 at a U.S. air base in northern Japan have tested positive for the coronavirus, the military announced Saturday.

Both individuals, who landed at Misawa Air Base on a U.S. government-chartered flight, have been restricted to their quarters on the installation since their arrival.

the base said on its Facebook page The message did not reveal whether they

are active-duty service members.

"The members have since been moved to Misawa's isolation facility designated for confirmed COVID-19 cases," the post said. COVID-19 is the name of the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus.

Close-contact tracing has been complet-

ed, according to the message. Those who sat near the infected individuals on the flight all tested negative.

Public health officials "will administer another test for all members from the flight prior to being released from isolation or quarantine," it said.

The announcement comes less than a week after all Misawa personnel were ordered to shelter in place after members of a visiting aircrew were confirmed to have the coronavirus.

The infected "transient" members arrived at Misawa on June 15 and were all asymptomatic at that time, Col. Kristopher Struve, commander of the base's 35th Fighter Wing, said in a video posted to Facebook on Wednesday.

## War/Military

# **UN fears Afghan** health workers deliberately hit

By RAHIM FAIEZ Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan -United Nations on Sunday released a special report expressing concerns over what it called recent "deliberate attacks" against health care workers and facilities in Afghanistan during the coronavirus pandemic.

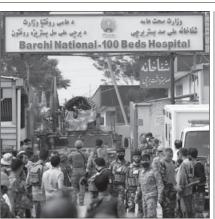
The United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, or UNAMA, said it had documented 12 deliberate acts of violence between March 11 to May 23, and that these attacks constitute war crimes.

The report said eight of the attacks were carried out by Taliban insurgents, while three were attributed to Afghan security forces. The most horrific attack. on a maternity ward at a Kabul hospital that killed 24 people last month, remains unsolved. The United States has said the attack bore the hallmarks of the Islamic State's affiliate in Afghanistan. which is fighting both the Taliban and the Kabul government.

"At a time when an urgent humanitarian response was required to protect every life in Afghanistan, both the Taliban and Afghan national security forces carried out deliberate acts of violence that undermined health care operations," said Deborah Lyons, the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Afghanistan, and head of UNAMA. There is no excuse for such actions; the safety and well-being of the civilian population must be a priority."

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid denied the U.N. report's findings, saying, "We do not consider these allegations and reports to be accurate." Sunday's statement said Taliban militants had not attacked any health facilities and claimed they have instead protected them.

Afghan government officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.



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Afghan security officers stand in front of a maternity hospital, in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 12.

Following the May 12 attack on the Kabul maternity hospital, Doctors Without Borders decided last week to end its operations in Kabul. The international charity. also known by its French acronym MSF, said it would keep its other programs in Afghanistan running.

The attack at the maternity hospital killed two infants and several young mothers as well as nurses and set off an hourslong shootout with Afghan police. The hospital in Dashti Barchi, a mostly Shiite neighborhood, was the Geneva-based group's only project in the Afghan capital. The U.S. has said the attack targeted the country's minority Shiites in a neighborhood of Kabul that the Islamic State group has repeatedly attacked in the past. The Taliban promptly denied involvement.

The U.N. report emphasized that deliberate acts of violence against health care facilities, including hospitals and related personnel, are prohibited under international humanitarian law and constitute war crimes.

#### Skeletal remains found. ID'd as Okla, soldier

KILLEEN, Texas — Skeletal remains found in Texas have been identified as those of a soldier from Oklahoma who was missing from Fort Hood, the U.S. Army's Criminal Investigation Command in Quantico, Va., said Sunday

The body of Pvt. Gregory Scott Morales, 24, of Sapulpa, Okla., was found Friday in a field in Killeen, Texas, after officials at nearby Fort Hood received a tip, according to Killeen police.

Foul play is suspected while an autopsy is to determine the cause and manner of death, according to a release from Army CID public affairs chief Chris Grey.

There is no indication Morales death is connected to the disappearance in April of Pfc. Vanessa Guillen from Fort Hood, who remains missing, according to the Army.

Morales, who was also known as Gregory Wedel, was last seen in August driving his personal vehicle outside of Fort Hood. He was to be discharged within days after his disappearance, the Army said.

Morales joined the Army in June 2015 as a motor transport operator and had been assigned to the 1st Sustainment Brigade 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Hood since November 2016, according to the Army.

A \$25,000 reward is being offered for information about his

From The Associated Press

## Airstrikes: US-Iraq coalition speed up plans amid talks of US withdrawal

FROM FRONT PAGE

holding senior ISIS member Abdul Nasser Qardash.

Friday's strikes capped off a week in which the U.S. and Iraq began discussions about the future of American troops in the country, following Iraqi lawmakers' call for a withdrawal of foreign forces in response to a U.S. drone strike in January that killed Gen. Qassem Soleimani, commander of the Iranian military's elite Quds Force, on a visit to Baghdad.

But, in a video conference on Thursday, U.S. Central Command boss Marine Gen. Kenneth McKenzie said American forces will likely have a continued presence in the country to support its counterterrorism operations

Meanwhile, a series of rocket attacks fell in areas near where U.S. personnel are based in the country, continuing a trend of such attacks since last summer when the Trump administration began a campaign of maximum pressure on Tehran. The Pentagon has blamed the strikes on Iran-backed militias operating in Iraq.

The rocket strikes were not fatal last week but in several past incidents similar attacks have killed Iraqi, U.S. and coalition personnel. The increased threat has complicated the U.S. mis-sion, in which some 5,200 troops are in the country to train, advise and assist security forces battling ISIS As a result, the coalition sped

up a plan to consolidate American forces from several small bases to a few larger ones, officials have said. The improved capabilities of Iraqi forces, plus "certain other factors" led to orders to "massively accelerate these plans," which officials had initially planned to take until 2022, the coalition said in a statement last month.

In one case, U.S. soldiers had a little over two weeks to execute plans to hand over Al Tagaddum Air Base, where some 1,000 Marines were stationed, the statement said.

"What was planned to take two vears ... you did it in nine days.

Col. Matthew Brown, commander of 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division. was quoted saying during an awards ceremony for the soldiers last month at an airbase in Irbil, the capital of northern Iraq's Kurdish region. "I believe what you accomplished at some point over the next year probably saved some U.S. lives."

This month, the Royal Danish Army and the Australian military ended their training operations in Iraq, and coalition officials have said Spain will hand pull its forces from the Besmaya Range Complex south of Baghdad by the end of the summer, as the coalition shifts to mentoring Iraqi instructors, rather than directly

training them. But the U.S.-led coalition continues its support of anti-ISIS operations in the region. Both Iraqi and Syrian partner forces carried out large-scale campaigns in which two dozen operations led to the capture of 64 militants in the past two weeks, the coalition's special operations task force said Friday in a Twitter post.

"The coalition and our partners will ... maintain relentless pressure on the terrorist organization," Inherent Resolve said in Saturday's statement, adding that it was also working to disrupt terrorist propaganda, finance and human trafficking.

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## Officials: Yemeni separatists take control of area in UNESCO site

By AHMED AL-HAJ Associated Press

SANAA, Yemen — Yemeni separatists funded by the United Arab Emirates on Saturday took control of military and police camps in Yemen's Socotra archipelago, a UNESCO World Heritage site, security officials said.

By day's end, the separatist militia had taken control of most of the remote province from forces of Yemen's internationally recognized government. The secessionist Southern Transitional

Council also arrested several military personnel and civilians opposed to the presence of UAE-funded militias on Socotra the officials said. Those arrested included Brig. Abdel-Rahman al-Zafrani, commander of the air force in the province they said.

No causalities were reported, said the four security officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to brief the media.

The militias who are part of the Southern Transitional Council were the on-theground allies of the United Arab Emirates. once Saudi Arabia's main coalition partner in the years-long war against the Iranianbacked Houthi rebels. The STC raises the flag of the former communist state in the south and has pushed to again split the country in two, as it was from 1967 to

Socotra Gov. Ramzi Mahrous con-

demned the separatist attacks in his province, saving from his home in Socotra that his forces would fight back. He did not

On Friday, separatists seized several state buildings, including the governor's headquarters, as they pushed into the provincial capital Hadebo. Fighting was fierce with forces of Yemen's internationally recognized government, led by exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

## VIRUS OUTBREAK

# Spain opens borders; number of cases increase in S. Africa, Brazil

Associated Press

BARCELONA, Spain — Spain reopened its borders to European tourists Sunday in a bid to kickstart its economy while Brazil and South Africa struggled with rising coronavirus infections.

Spain on Sunday ended a national state of emergency after three months of lockdown, allowing its 47 million residents to freely travel around the country for the first time since March 14. Spain also dropped a 14-day quarantine for visitors from Britain and countries in Europe's visa-free Schengen travel zone to boost its vital tourism sector.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez urged people to exercise maximum public health precautions, saying that even though Europe is stabilizing, the virus is running rampant on other continents.

The number of confirmed virus cases is still growing rapidly in Brazil, South Africa, the United States and other countries, especially in Latin America. Brazil's Health Ministry said the total number of cases had risen by more than 50,000 in a day.

South Africa reported a one-

day high of 4,966 new cases on Saturday and 46 deaths. Despite the increase, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a further loosening of one of the world's strictest lockdowns.

In Europe, one meatpacking plant in northwest Germany alone has 1,029 cases, so the regional government issued a quarantine for all 6,500 workers, managers and family members at the Toenies meat processing facility in Rheda-Wiedenbrueck.

In Asia, China and South Korea

reported new coronavirus cases Sunday.



ALVARO BARRIENTOS/A

Residents wearing face masks to protect against coronavirus and wearing San Fermin's red kerchief stop to listen to a singer perform a San Fermin festival song Saturday in Pamplona, Spain, while taking part in a march along the route for the running of the bulls.

## Long-dreaded virus increase hits Iraq as cases soar

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — In Baghdad's vast exhibition grounds, masked workers lugged hospital beds into rows for makeshift coronavirus wards, as doctors and officials sounded the alarm Sunday over a surge in virus cases in the capital.

The long-dreaded scenario is gripping the country amid a severe economic crisis brought on by plunmeting oil prices. But with a widening budget deficit, doctors are running low on medical equipment, including key protective gear. A cap on new hires is also expected to strain the already overstretched systertiched syster.

As hospitals overflowed with patients, the Iraqi government announced temporary field hospitals will open throughout Baghdad, where infections are highest, to cope with the exponentially rising number of virus patients. Iraq's health system was already battered by years of conflict as well as poor infrastructure and lack of funds.

Virus cases began rising after the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, when families and friends typically get together to break the daylong fast.

In less than a month, infections spiked seven-fold to over 29,000 as of Saturday, up from less than 4,000 at the end of May. Deaths also spiked, with over 1,013 killed among the confirmed cases, according to Health Ministry figures.

Iraq took drastic measures to stem the virus's spread, including closing schools, restaurants, public gatherings and international horders



## VIRUS OUTBREAK ROUNDUP

# Alabama creates color-coded chart of COVID spread

Associated Pres

MONTGOMERY — Alabama health officials are beginning insisue color-coded rankings on the spread of COVID-19 in counties, and on Saturday, much of the state was listed as high or moderately high.

State Health Officer Scott

State Health Officer Scott Harris said in a telephone interview last week that the display is meant to give people and local officials information in a form that is "easy to see." The rankings of the state dashboard grade the counties by the infection rate per 100,000 people over the last 14 days.

The color-coded rankings come as health officials have expressed alarm over the state's continuing upward trend in cases.

#### Maryland

HANOVER — Gamblers are back at several Maryland casinos after three months of closures due to the coronavirus outbreak. One of the state's largest casi-

one of the state's largest casinos, Maryland Live, opened Friday evening in Hanover, but with numerous restrictions in place. Only top-tier VIPs could attend Friday's reopening, and only by making a reservation.

The casino will phase in lowerlevel VIPs over the next week or so and open to the general public June 29.

Reservations will still be required and the casino plans to limit attendance to 25 percent capacity.

The poker room and table games are open, but with plexiglass barriers and fewer gamblers at each table.

Casino officials told WTTG-TV in Washington that more than 2,000 employees have been brought back to work after nearly 2,500 were laid off when the coronavirus forced casinos to close in March.

Casinos near Cumberland, Ocean City and in Perryville also reopened Friday. The state's biggest casino, MGM National Harbor in Prince George's County, remains closed. The Horseshoe casino in Baltimore is scheduled to open June 28.

#### Arkansas

LITTLE ROCK— More than 500 new coronavirus cases were reported and 10 more deaths due to COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, were reported Saturday by the Arkansas Department of Health.

The department said there are 511 additional cases to bring the total of confirmed cases to 15,142 and said 224 people have died.

The department had reported

a record increase of 703 cases on Friday. The actual number of people who have contracted the virus is likely higher because many people have not been tested.

#### Connecticut

GROTON — Sailors and workers at Connecticut's Navy submarine base may relish a new step in relaxing coronavirus shutdowns: Starting Tuesday, local restaurants can deliver to the base again.

The Navy announced the change Saturday.

Connecticut's measures to con-

trol the virus and "current conditions both on and off the base allow for the welcome return of these services," base commander Capt. Todd D. Moore said in a release.

Restaurants and local food de-

Restaurants and local root aclivery services haven't had access to the base in Groton since March 27. Institutional-scale food deliveries to the commissary and other on-base food options continued, and a food truck and Subway sandwich shop on the base stayed onen.

Workers and sailors also can pick up take-out food from restaurants and bring it back to the base. The virus has been blamed for 4,251 deaths in Connecticut as of Saturday, an increase of 13 from Friday, Gov. Ned Lamont announced. Hospitalizations continue to decline.

#### Nevada

CARSON CITY— Nevada reported 445 additional new COVID-19 cases on Saturday, the second straight day the state recorded its largest single-day jump in new cases since the start of the pandemic.

The state 's case total rose to 12,931 with 486 deaths, including 8 reported Saturday, according to the state Department of Health and Human Services.

Clark County, which includes Las Vegas, accounts for fourfifths of the cases and deaths.

The state reported 410 new cases on Friday, surpassing the previously largest single-day jump of 379 positive tests reported Monday.

The number of new cases has

The number of new cases has climbed as Nevada has expanded testing capacity and reopened casinos, restaurants and other businesses in a limited fashion.

The rise in new cases prompted Gov. Steve Sisolak to say Friday he'd consider enhanced policies on face coverings.

Nevada already requires employees of businesses that have reopened to wear face coverings, but does not require consumers



KRISTOPHER RADDER, THE BRATTLEBORO (VT.) REFORMER/AF

Darren Goldsmith, general manager for the Latchis Theatre, in Brattleboro, Vt., disinfects each chair inside the main theater as they prepare to open the doors for the first time on Friday since closing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

to do so.

#### Texas

AUSTIN — Texas health officials on Saturday reported a record of more than 4,400 new coronavirus cases in the state and 25 additional deaths due to COVID-19.

A total of 107,735 confirmed cases, an increase of 4,430 from Friday, and 2,165 deaths, up from 2,140, were reported Saturday.
Officials had reported 3,454

new cases on Friday after a previous record of 3,516 were reported on Thursday.

Officials also reported 3,247 people hospitalized with the virus and that an estimated 67,096 people have recovered.

#### Florida

TALLAHASSEE — The coronavirus outbreak continued its fevered escalation in Florida on Saturday, as Gov. Ron DeSantua again tried to tamp down worry over another record-breaking spike in infections since reopening restaurants, bars, gyms and other public places.

The state reported more than 4,000 new cases of COVID-19—the highest daily total yet in a state that has now seen a consistent resurgence since reopening. The Florida Health Department also reported 40 more people have died from the virus, bringing the state's tally to more than 3,140.

The state has allowed bars, restaurants and some theme parks to reopen, and since then cases have spiked.

#### Virginia

graduating seniors at a Virginia high school who attended a modified commencement ceremony at the school have tested positive for the coronavirus.

FREDERICKSBURG - Five

Fredericksburg City Schools Superintendent Marceline Catlett said Friday that the five students at James Monroe High School tested positive for COVID-19, and all five attended graduation ceremonies at the school on Monday.

She said the school has been working with the local health department and "the overall risk of exposure to the majority of students and staff at the event is considered low."

The Free Lance-Star report-

ed that each of the school's 233 graduates had the opportunity of attend individualized ceremonies that were booked in short time slots over a three-day period. Graduating seniors could have their pictures taken with school administrators after exchanging elbow bumps.

#### Louisiana

BATON ROUGE — Louisiana health regulators have tied at least 100 cases of the new coronavirus to bars near LSU in Baton Rouge and report a new cluster of the illness in the Orleans Parish

The state Department of Public Health said Friday that bars in an area near the campus called Tigerland are believed to be a major contributor to the outbreak. Anyone who visited bars in that area recently should consider themselves exposed and should self-quarantine for 14 days.

At least three bars—JL's Place, Reggie's and Fred's— have employees who have tested positive for COVID-19, the businesses' owners told WAFB-TV Friday.

#### Washington

YAKIMA — Gov. Jay Inslee will issue a proclamation ordering Yakima County residents to wear masks while in public places in an effort to halt the spike of coronavirus cases there.

Inslee said Saturday the proclamation will come in the next several days and that it will be a legal requirement that businesses not sell products to customer who don't wear face coverings.

"Essentially this means, no masks no services. No masks, no goods," Inslee said. "We are going to be swamped with a tidal wave of COVID-19 if we do not act now."

Inslee added, "While I hear some voices saying that this is overblown, the facts are otherwise."

Officials at Virginia Mason Memorial hospital in Yakima, which holds more than 200 beds, said Saturday the facility has no available beds and that 22 patients, some with the coronavirus, have been sent to Seattle for care.

Inslee said cases could double in the next two weeks unless dramatic actions were taken and said he's considering a similar order for other counties, but did not elaborate.

Nearby Benton and Franklin counties are also feeling the strain on their health care systems, but Yakima County remains Washington state's hot spot for the virus.

#### Wisconsin

MILWAUKEE — The number of confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Wisconsin is approaching 25,000, state health officials said Saturday.

A total of 24,539 people in Wisconsin have tested positive as of Saturday, an increase of 385 new cases from the previous day. That's the second highest increase in cases in the last two weeks, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.

Wisconsin's largest increase in cases in the last two weeks was Thursday, when 422 new positive tests were reported.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services reports 14 more deaths related to COVID-19, the most since June 9 when officials reported 15 people had died. Wisconsin's total number of deaths rose to 744 Saturdav.

Milwaukee County reported 292 additional cases and no deaths Saturday, according to the county's COVID-19 dashboard. Milwaukee County reports 10,146 total cases and 331 deaths.

#### VIRUS OUTBREAK

## Has the 'second wave' come? Not yet, experts say

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

What's all this talk about a "second wave" of U.S. coronavirus cases?

In The Wall Street Journal last week, Vice President Mike Pence wrote in a piece headlined "There Isn't a Coronavirus 'Second Wave' " that the nation is winning the fight against the virus.

Many public health experts, however, suggest it's no time to celebrate. About 120,000 Americans have died from the new virus and there are worrisome recent increases in reported cases in the South and West.

But there is at least one point of agreement: "Second wave" is probably the wrong term to describe what's happening.

"When you have 20,000-plus infections per day, how can you talk about a second wave?" said Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health. "We're in the first wave. Let's get out of the first wave before you have a second wave."

Clearly there was an initial infection peak in April as cases exploded in New York City. After schools and businesses were closed across the country, the rate of new cases dropped somewhat.

But "it's more of a plateau, or a mesa," not the trough after a wave, said Caitlin Rivers, a disease researcher at Johns Hopkins University's Center for Health Security.

Scientists generally agree the nation is still in its first wave of coronavirus infections, albeit on that's dipping in some parts of the country while rising in others.

"This virus is spreading around the United States and hitting different places with different intensity at different times," said Dr. Richard Besser, chief executive of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation who was acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention when a pandemic flu hit the U.S. in 2009.

Dr. Arnold Monto, a University of Michigan flu expert, echoed that sentiment.

"What I would call this is continued transmission with flareups," he said.

Flu seasons sometimes feature a second wave of infections. But in those cases, the second wave is a distinct new surge in cases from a strain of flu that is different than the strain that caused earlier illnesses.

That's not the case in the coronavirus epidemic.

Monto doesn't think "second



MARK LENNIHAN/AP

A fence outside Brooklyn's Green-Wood Cemetery is adorned with tributes to victims of COVID-19 May 28 in New York. The memorial is part of the Naming the Lost project which attempts to humanize the victims who are often just listed as statistics.

wave" really describes what's happening now, calling it "totally semantics."

"Second waves are basically in the eye of the beholder," he said. But Besser said semantics matter, because swing a first wave

ter, because saying a first wave has passed may give people a false sense that the worst is over. Some worry a large wave of coronavirus might occur this fall or winter — after schools reopen, the weather turns colder and less humid, and people huddle hiside more. That would follow seasonal patterns seen with flu and other respiratory viruses. And such a fall wave could be very bad, given that there's no vaccine or experts

think most Americans haven't

had the virus.

But the new coronavirus so far has been spreading more episodically and sporadically than flu, and it may not follow the same playbook.

"It's very difficult to make a prediction," Rivers said. "We don't know the degree to which this virus is seasonal, if at all."



## **NATION**

## **Trump's Tulsa rally** has sparse crowd, 6 staff infections

AND JONATHAN LEMIRE Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. - President Donald Trump launched his comeback rally Saturday by defining the upcoming election as a stark choice between national heritage and left-wing radicalism. But his intended show of political force amid a pandemic featured thousands of empty seats and new coronavirus cases on his own campaign staff.

Trump ignored health warnings to hold his first rally in 110 days - one of the largest indoor gatherings in the world during a coronavirus outbreak that has killed more than 120,000 Americans and put 40 million out of work. The rally was meant to restart his reelection effort less than five months before the president faces voters again.

"The choice in 2020 is very simple," Trump said, "Do you want to bow before the left-wing mob, or do you want to stand up tall and proud as Americans?'

Trump unleashed months of pent-up grievances about the coronavirus, which he dubbed the "Kung flu," a racist term for COVID-19, which originated in China He also tried to defend his handling of the pandemic, even as cases continue to surge in many states, including Oklahoma.

He said that robust coronavirus testing was making his record look bad — and suggested the testing effort should slow down.

"Here's the bad part. When you do testing to that extent, you're going to find more cases," he said. "So I said to my people, 'Slow the testing down.' They test and they

"Speed up the testing." Trump's Democratic opponent, Joe Biden, tweeted later.

In the hours before the rally, crowds were significantly lighter than expected, and campaign officials scrapped plans for Trump to address an overflow space outdoors. When Trump thun-dered that "the silent majority is stronger than ever before," about a third of the seats at his indoor rally were empty.

Trump tried to explain away the crowd size by blaming the media for scaring people and by insisting there were protesters outside who were "doing bad things." But the small crowds of pre-rally demonstrators were largely peaceful, and Tulsa police reported just one arrest Saturday

Before the rally, Trump's campaign revealed that six staff members who were helping set up for the event had tested positive for the coronavirus Campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said neither the affected staffers nor anyone who was in immediate contact with them would attend the event.

The president raged to aides that the staffers' positive cases had been made public, according to two White House and campaign officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about private conversations.

Trump devoted more than 10 minutes of his 105-minute rally with the crowd laughing along trying to explain away a pair of odd images from his speech last weekend at West Point, blaming his slippery leather-soled shoes



President Donald Trump speaks during his campaign rally at BOK Center in Tulsa, Okla., Saturday.

#### The unhinged left-wing mob is trying to vandalize our history, desecrate our monuments, our beautiful monuments.

President Donald Trump

for video of him walking awkwardly down a ramp as he left the podium. And then he declared that he used two hands to drink a cup of water that day because he didn't want to spill water on his tie - and proceeded to this time

drink with just one hand. But Trump also leaned in hard on cultural issues, including the push to tear down statues and rename military bases honoring Confederate generals following nationwide protests about racial injustice.

"The unhinged left-wing mob is trying to vandalize our history, desecrate our monuments. our beautiful monuments," said. "They want to demolish our heritage so they can impose their new repressive regime in its place." Trump also floated the idea of

a one-year prison sentence for

anyone convicted of burning an American flag, an act of protest protected by the First Amendment. And he revived his attacks on Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar, who emigrated from Somalia as a child, claiming she would want "to make the government of our country just like the country from where she came, Somalia: no government, no safety, no police, no nothing - just anarchy.

"And now she's telling us how to run our country," Trump continued. "No, thank you."

After a three-month break from rallies. Trump spent the evening reviving his greatest hits, including boasts about the pre-pandemic economy and complaints about the media. But his scattershot remarks made no mention of some of the flashpoints roiling the nation, including the abrupt firing of a U.S. attorney in Manhattan, the damaging new book from his former national security adviser or the killing of George Floyd..

Large gatherings in the United States were shut down in March because of the coronavirus. The rally was scheduled over the protests of local health officials as COVID-19 cases spike in many

But Trump and his advisers forged forward, believing that a return to the rally stage would reenergize the president, who is furious that he has fallen behind Biden in polls, and reassure increasingly anxious Republicans.

But Trump has struggled to land effective attacks against Biden, and his broadsides against the former vice president did not draw nearly the applause as did his digs at his 2016 opponent, Hillary Clinton.

City officials had expected a crowd of 100,000 people or more in downtown Tulsa. Trump's campaign, for its part, declared that it had received over a million ticket requests. The crowd that gathered was far less than that, though the rally, being broadcast on cable, also targeted voters in battleground states such as Penn-sylvania, North Carolina and

## Trump protesters, supporters clash outside rally



BY SEAN MURPHY Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. - President Donald Trump's supporters faced off with protesters shouting "Black Lives Matter" Saturday in Tulsa as the president took the stage for his first campaign rally in months amid public health concerns about the coronavirus and fears that the event could lead to violence in the wake of killings of Black people by police.

Hundreds of demonstrators flooded the city's downtown streets and blocked traffic at times, but police reported just a handful of arrests. Many of the marchers chanted, and some occasionally got into shouting matches with Trump supporters, who outnumbered them and yelled, "All lives matter."

Later in the evening, a group of armed men began following the protesters. When the protesters blocked an intersection, a man wearing a Trump shirt got out of a truck and spattered them with pep-

When demonstrators approached a National Guard bus that got separated from its caravan, Tulsa police officers fired pepper balls to push back the crowd, said Tulsa police spokesperson Capt. Richard Meulenberg. Officers soon left the area as it cleared.

The Trump faithful gathered inside the 19,000seat BOK Center for what was believed to be the largest indoor event in the country since restrictions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus began in March. Many of the president's supporters weren't wearing masks, despite the recommendation of public health officials. Some had been camped near the venue since early in the week.

Turnout at the rally was lower than the campaign predicted, with a large swath of standing room on the stadium floor and empty seats in the balconies. Trump had been scheduled to appear at a rally outside of the stadium within a perimeter of tall metal barriers, but that event was abruptly canceled.

While Trump spoke onstage, protesters carried a papier-mache representation of him with a pig snout. Some in the multiracial group wore Black Lives Matter shirts, others sported rainbow-colored armbands, and many covered their mouths and noses with masks. At one point, several people stopped to dance to gospel singer Kirk Franklin's song "Revolution."

Supporters of President Donald Trump and protesters clash in downtown Tulsa, Okla., ahead of Trump's campaign rally Saturday.

## NATION

# **Poll: US protests will** have positive impact

By AARON MORRISON AND HANNAH FINGERHUT Associated Press

NEW YORK - Ahead of the Juneteenth holiday weekend's demonstrations against systemic racism and police brutality, more than 4 in 10 Americans said they expect recent protests around the country will bring positive change. A majority said they approve of the protests.

Despite headline-making standoffs between law enforcement and protesters in cities nationwide, the poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research finds a majority of Americans think law enforcement officers have generally responded to the protests appropriately. Somewhat fewer say officers used

The findings follow weeks of peaceful protests and unrest in response to the death of George Floyd, a Black man who died pleading for air May 25 after a white Minneapolis police officer held his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes. A dramatic change in public opinion on race and policing has followed, with more Americans today than five years ago calling police violence a very serious problem that unequally targets Black Americans.

Bill Ardren, a 75-year-old retired resident of Maple Grove, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis, said he supports the protests. He blames protesters and law enforcement equally for why some demonstrations turned into ugly clashes scarred by looting

"People finally got fed up because of this last incident," said Ardren, referring to Floyd's death, "and it spread all over the

The new poll finds 54% of Americans say they approve of the protests, while 32% disapprove. Another 14% say they hold nei-

More think the protests will mostly change the country for the better than bring about negative change, 44% to 21%. A third say they won't make much difference.

An Associated Press tally of known arrests through June 4 found more than 10,000 people were arrested at demonstrations in the U.S., many of which defied citywide curfews and some daytime orders to disperse. The count grew by the hundreds each day, as protesters were met with overwhelming shows of force by local officers, state police and National Guard members. Los Ângeles had more than a quarter of the nation's arrests, according to the AP's tally, followed by New York, Dallas and Philadelphia.

One of the nation's largest demonstrations took place in Philadelphia on June 6, when tens of thousands of people met near the Philadelphia Museum of Art and peacefully marched through Center City, Kipp Gilmore-Clough, a resident of the city and associate pastor at Chestnut Hill United Church, joined that day's protest and said that kind of response to police abuse was "long overdue."

"I've been fairly heartened by the on-



man carries a child as they march near Central Park during a Juneteenth celebration Friday in New York. A recent poll found that more than 4 in 10 Americans expect recent U.S. protests will bring positive change.

going presence in the streets, because the systemic racism that has generated these protests is long-standing and deeply embedded," said Gilmore-Clough, who's among those who believe the protests will have a positive impact. "My hope is that this persistence leads to results, changes of laws, changes of institutions and changes to our patterns that have normalized white supremacy."

A majority of Americans, 55%, say law enforcement responded to recent protests appropriately, while fewer, 44%, say they used excessive force. And 54% say Presi dent Donald Trump's response to the recent unrest — he suggested sending the U.S. military into cities where local officials struggled to quell unrest, before later backing off the idea — made things worse. Just 12% say Trump made things better,

while 33% say his response had no impact. While 7 in 10 Black Americans said law enforcement officers responded to the protests with excessive force, about half as many white Americans said that, Roughly 6 in 10 white Americans said law enforcement officers responded to protests appropriately.

Destiny Merrell, 20, a Black college student from Unadilla, Ga., said she has not participated in the protests out of fear she could be harmed by police or other demonstrators.

'We matter, but we don't matter to certain people," she said.

The AP-NORC poll of 1,310 adults was conducted June 11-15 using a sample drawn from NORC's probability-based AmeriSpeak Panel, which is designed to be representative of the U.S. population. The margin of sampling error for all respondents is plus or minus 3.7 percentage

## Special session ends in Minn. without changes to policing

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS - A special session of the Minnesota Legislature ended Saturday without agreement on remaking policing in the state where George Floyd was killed.

Democratic-controlled House early Friday passed an extensive package of police accountability measures wrapped into one bill. It included elements of five more modest policing bills that the Republican-controlled Senate passed earlier in the week but went farther than Republicans were willing to accept.

The Senate adjourned just after 6 a.m. Saturday, prompting criticism from minority Democrats.

"I'm deeply disappointed that Senate Republicans ended the special session before our job was done," Senate Minority Leader

Susan Kent tweeted. "We should

stay and finish the work of the people of Minnesota.

GOP Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, of East Gull Lake, repeatedly had said that Friday was his deadline for adjournment, and that lawmakers should focus on proposals both parties can support.

"We're not walking away from Minnesota here, but I think we could all benefit from a breather," Gazelka said just before adjournment, Minnesota Public Radio News reported.

The special session was necessary for Democratic Gov. Tim. Walz to extend emergency powers necessary to manage the coronavirus, but Floyd's May 25 death after a Minneapolis police officer pressed his knee into Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes put the main focus on proposals to change policing in the state.

But the two parties proved far

apart on how wide-ranging those changes would be.

Lawmakers may return in mid-July

If Walz seeks to extend his emergency powers an additional 30 days, he's required to call another special session for July 12 to let lawmakers object.

House Democrats blocked a Senate GOP attempt last week to remove the governor's emergencv authority.

## Woman wanted in burning of Atlanta Wendy's during protests

Associated Press

ATLANTA - Investigators said Saturday they have issued an arrest warrant for a woman in connection with a fire at a Wendy's restaurant in Atlanta during protests over the police shooting of an African American man.

Natalie White, 29, is a suspect in the arson and investigators are asking for help finding her, Atlanta Fire and Rescue said in a Twitter post.

Several people are suspected of trying to set fires in the restaurant before the blaze finally spread, fire officials said.

Atlanta police officers were called to the Wendy's on June 12 over complaints of a car blocking the drive-thru lane. Officers found Rayshard Brooks asleep in the car.

The officers snoke to Brooks who was Black, for more than 40 minutes, but things quickly turned violent when they tried to handcuff him, according to body camera

An autopsy found Brooks was shot twice in the back, Garrett Rolfe was fired from the police department immediately after the shooting and was charged Wednesday with felony murder. Rolfe, 27, is white.

Protesters gathered the night after Brooks was killed, breaking the windows in the restaurant before the fire was set.

## Tennessee lawmakers adjourn without addressing race, reform

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee's Black lawmakers came back to the Capitol earlier this month with a request for their white colleagues: Advance public policy to send modest signals that say, "Yes, Black

"You can't just like Black people," said Rep. Harold Love, a Black pastor from Nashville, speaking in somber tones in front of the House chamber on June 1. "You have to also make policy that helps them and doesn't lower their value."

Nearly three weeks later, the GOP-dominant General Assembly has adjourned after largely ignoring measures proponents said would right some of the wrongs of racial injustice in Tennessee.

Legislation aimed at improving health care for some minority women stalled. Lawmakers chose not to remove the bust of a former Confederate general from the Capitol building, even though similar monuments in many other states are being taken down - either forcibly by protesters or through government action. Efforts to reform policing fizzled.

A Democratic-backed police reform proposal was blocked on the House floor And a budget request to expand postpartum health insurance for low-income and uninsured women - to halt "preventable" deaths of new mothers — was shot down.

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# Top NY prosecutor leaves job after standoff with DOJ

By MICHAEL BALSAMO AND LARRY NEUMEISTER

WASHINGTON — An extraordinary standoff between the Justice Department and Manhattan U.S. Attorney Geoffrey S. Berman ended Saturday when the prosecutor agreed to leave his job with an assurance that his investigations into allies of President Donald Trump would not be disturbed.

The announcement capped two days of conflicting statements, allegations of political interference in prosecutions, and defiance from Berman. On Saturday, Attorney General William Barr said Berman's refusal to resign under pressure prompted Trump to fire him. Trump tried to distance himself from the dispute, telling reporters the decision "was all up to the attorney general."

This episode deepened tensions between the Justice Department and congressional Democrats, who have accused Barr of pen liticizing the agency and acting more like Trump's personal lawyer than the country's chief law enforcement officer. It also raised questions about ongoing investigations in the Southern District of New York, most notably a probe into Rudy Giuliani, the president's personal attorney.

Barr set off the whirlwind chain of events on Friday night with a surprise announcement that Berman was resigning, without explanation. But Berman insisted he had not resigned, was not stepping down and his investigations would continue.

On Saturday morning, he showed up to work, telling reporters, "I'm just here to do my job."

Hours later, Barr announced Berman's firing.

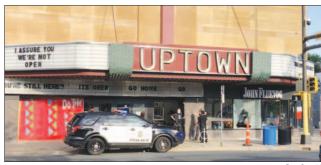
"Unfortunately, with your statement of last night, you have chosen public spectacle over public service," Barr wrote in a letter released by the Justice Department. He said the idea that Bernann had to continue on the job to safeguard investigations was "false."

Although Barr said Trump had removed Berman, the president told reporters: "That's all up to the attorney general. Attorney General Barr is working on that. That's his department, not my department." Trump added: "I wasn't involved."

The administration's push to cast aside Berman amounted to a political and constitutional clash between the Justice Department and one of the nation's top districts, which has tried major mob, financial crimes and terrorism cases over the years.

Only days ago, allegations surfaced from former Trump national security adviser John bolton that the president sought to interfere in an investigation by Berman's office into the state owned Turkish bank in an affort to cut deals with Turkish President Recep Tayvip Erdogan.

Berman initially nowed to stay on the job until a replacement was confirmed. He changed his mind late Saturday after Barr said he would allow Berman's second in command, Deputy U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss, to become acting U.S. attorney.



Doug GLASS/A

A police vehicle is parked outside the Uptown Theatre on Sunday following a shooting in Minneapolis' Uptown neighborhood. One person was fatally shot and 11 were injured when gunfire broke overnight.

## 1 dead, 11 injured in Minn. shooting

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A shooting in a popular Minneapolis nightlife area early Sunday left one man dead and 11 people wounded in a chaotic scene that sent people ducking into restaurants and other businesses for cover.

The shooting broke out shortly after midnight in the city's trendy Uptown neighborhood, a nightlife hub with bars, restaurants and retail including Apple and Fiallraven stores.

Police first said 10 people had been shot with "various severity levels of injuries," but revised their total upward in a tweet posted just after 3 a.m. The man died at the hospital, not at the scene, they said. None of the other injuries were considered life-threatening.

Police said they believe there was more than one shooter, described only as "individuals on foot." No one was in custody, and police have not said what may have prompted the shooting. All of the injured were adults.

In video posted to Facebook that showed the immediate aftermath, screams could be heard as small crowds of people gathered, with some crouched over people lying on the pavement before police officers on bicycles showed up to attend to them.

Across the street from where the shooting began, in a storefront shared by the Uptown Theater and a shoe store, a police officer later Sunday surveyed a shattered window and door and a bullet hole could be seen in the storefront.

The Uptown area is about 3 miles west of the Minneapolis commercial area and neighborhood hit by

rioting in the wake of George Floyd's May 25 death after being arrested by Minneapolis police. Some of the violence from that period reached as far as Uptown, and many storefronts are still protected by plywood.

Floyd's death has sparked a move to overhaul the Minneapolis Police Department, with a majority of City Council members pledging support for dismantling a department that many community activists have called brutal and racist. That's prompted pushback from opponents who question how residents will be protected from violent crime.

Police responded to at least two other shootings in south Minneapolis in the hour before the Uptown violence erupted. The Star Tribune reported that one was a man who may have shot himself near the site where Floyd died. Another was a nonfatal double shooting.

Also Sunday, at least five people were wounded in an early morning shooting in Austin, Texas, officials said.

Five adults with "serious, potentially life threatening injuries" were taken to local hospitals by Austin-Travis County EMS, the organization said in a

On Saturday, nine people were shot at a "celebration" in Syracuse, N.Y., authorities said.

Of the nine victims, one was a 17-year-old boy in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the head and eight others — ranging in age from 18 to 53 — were expected to survive, a release from Syracuse police said.

## Documents: Cellphone pings helped find bodies of Idaho children

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — Authorities used cellphone information from the now-deceased uncle of two missing Idaho children to find the youths' bodies on a rural property earlier this month, according to court documents.

Police found the remains of

Tylee Ryan, 17, and her brother, Joshua "31" Vallow, 7, on June 9 after months of searching. They hadn't been seen since September and investigators said the children's mother, Lori Vallow Daybell, and her husband, Chad Daybell, lied to police about the children's whereabouts. KBOI reported that court documents made public late Friday reveal that the FBI tracked the cellphone of Alex Cox, Vallow's brother and JJ and Tylee's uncle.

The FBI tracked Cox's cellphone on Daybell's property four times during the month of September. According to court documents, Cox's phone pinged on Sept. 6, 9, 23 and 25 at the location where the remains were found.

Neighbors also confirmed they saw fires on the property around Sept. 6 and 9, which they said was unusual because a fire pit on the property was hardly used, according to court documents. Chad Daybell has pleaded not guilty to destroying evidence. Lori Daybell has been in jail since February, charged with child abandonment and obstructing the investigation. Both Daybells are being held on SI million bond, and both are scheduled for preliminary hearings next month.



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## WORLD

## **British police: Stabbing attack** that killed 3 was terrorist act

READING, England - British police said Sunday they are treating a stabbing rampage that killed three people in a park as a terrorist attack

Dean Haydon, the U.K.'s coordinator of counterterrorism policing, said counterterror detectives were taking over the investigation into the attack in the town of Reading, west of London. keeping an open mind about the

Three people were killed and three others seriously wounded in the stabbing attack in Reading's Forbury Gardens Park on Saturday evening. The Thames Valley Police

force said officers arrested a 25year-old local man at the scene and they were not looking for anyone else.

suggest that there is any further danger to the public," said Detective Chief Superintendent Ian

The attack came out of the blue on a sunny summer evening in Forbury Gardens Park in Reading, a town of 200,000 residents 40 miles west of London.

The incident came hours after a Black Lives Matter demon-



Police stand guard at the Abbey gateway of Forbury Gardens Park on Sunday, a day after a stabbing attack killed three people and wounded three others in the gardens in Reading. England.

stration at Forbury Gardens, but police said there was no connection between the attack and the protest.

#### China may enact security law before July

BEIJING - China's top lawmaking body has announced a three-day session for the end of this month, a move that raises the possibility of the enactment of a national security law for Hong Kong that has stirred debate and fears in the semi-autonomous territory.

China released some details of the legislation late Saturday, heightening fears that the central government is tightening its grip on Hong Kong after months of anti-government protests last

Under the draft, the central government would set up a national security office in Hong Kong that would collect and analyze intelligence and deal with criminal cases related to national security

The law will criminalize four acts: secession, subversion of state power, terrorist activities and colluding with foreign forces to endanger national security.

#### **Drug check in Germany** sparks riot, vandalism

FRANKFURT, - Police in the German city of Stuttgart said Sunday that 24 people were arrested and 19 police officers injured after a check for drugs sparked attacks on officers and police vehicles followed by widespread vandalism of store fronts in the city center. Police said several hundred people were involved.

The disturbance started after officers stopped a 17-year-old on suspicion of drug possession as several hundred people partied outside around 11:30 p.m. Saturday, police said. Bystanders started throwing stones and bottles, and smaller groups ran through surrounding streets breaking shop windows, accord-

Police said 40 businesses were vandalized and nine of them had been looted, while 12 police vehicles were damaged before officers brought the situation under control around 4 a.m.

ing to police.

Only one of the injured officers

was seriously hurt enough to be considered unable to work, police

Police officials said at a news conference that the violence had no apparent political motivation. They said the teen suspect initially stopped was a white German citizen

Of the two dozen people arrested, half held German passports and half were citizens of other

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## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

#### City requires permit for vendors to sell fireworks

PROVIDENCE — Providence officials are trying to crack down on the illegal sale and use of fireworks.

Mayor Jorge Elorza and City Council Majority Leader Jo-Ann Ryan said the city will now require firework vendors to have a fireworks sales permit. It will cost \$50 for a permit that's valid for one year.

City officials said that sellers will have to file separate permit applications for each place that fireworks are sold.

Only ground fireworks and hand-held sparkling devices, or sparklers, are legal in Rhode Island

## Rehabilitated turtle to partake in online race

MARATHON— A rare hybrid hawksbill-green sea turtle, rehabilitated at the Florida Keys-based Turtle Hospital, will participate in a long-distance online "race" that follows the migration of sea turtles over three months.

A satellite tracking transmitter was epoxied to "Maisy's" shell before she crawled from Marathon's Sombrero Beach into the Atlantic Ocean.

The Tour de Turtles, an annual educational project organized by the Sea Turtle Conservancy, is intended to raise awareness about sea turtles and threats to their survival. The public can monitor competitors' progress online.

The reptile is the first of nine hard-shell turtles to be fitted with a satellite transmitter.

The others will be released off Florida by the end of July, according to Dan Evans, a senior research biologist with the Sea Turtle Conservancy. Their tracking and "race" is to begin Aug. 1 and concludes Oct. 31.

## Man faces gun charges for brandished firearm

PARTLOW — A Virginia man is scheduled to appear in court on misdemeanor weapons charges after pointing a rifle at a group of motorcyclists who stopped in his neighborhood.

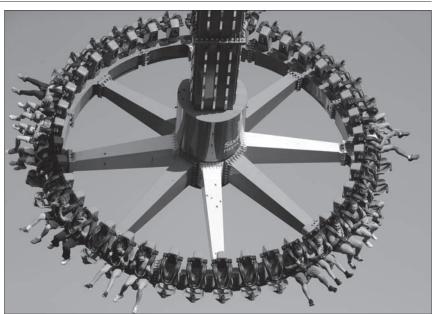
The Spotsylvania Sheriff's Office said that deputies were called to the private subdivision of Whelan Ridge Estates and were the yfive men who had pulled off into the subdivision. They said they did not see a "Private Road No Trespassing" sign when they stopped to rest.

Authorities said they were confronted by area resident Dennis Lee Berry, 45, who stood on his property and pointed a semiautomatic rifle at the motorcyclists, accusing them of trespassing.

Dennis was charged with five misdemeanor counts of brandishing a firearm and released on his own recognizance, according to online court records.

## Man sentenced to jail for 10K harassing calls

CA LOS ANGELES — A Southern California man who was convicted of making



FRIC GAY/AP

## Pandemic pendulum

Visitors to Six Flags Fiesta Texas wear masks for protection against the coronavirus and are spaced apart on a ride in San Antonio. The theme park reopened Friday as COVID-19 cases continue to spike in Texas.

10,000 harassing and threatening telephone calls to government offices, including those of several congressional members, was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison, authorities said.

Prosecutors alleged that Robert Eric Stahlnecker, 48, of Twentynine Palms in the Mojave Desert made more than 10,000 calls to government agencies and

officials since January 2019.

In February, a federal jury convicted him of one count of making threats by interstate commerciand five counts of anonymous telecommunications harassment. The jury acquitted him of two counts of threatening federal employees.

Prosecutors said U.S. Capitol Police had been investigating harassing and threatening calls allegedly made by Stahlnecker for at least 10 years.

## Carjacker sits on driver, leads police on chase

EWING — A man forced his way into a vehicle, sat on the driver and took off, pinning her on the seat while leading officers on a chase that began in New Jersey and ended in Pennsylvania, police said.

Tomasz Dymek, 31, of the Astoria neighborhood of Queens in New York City, was soliciting money in a drug store parking lot when a woman, 66, gave him \$1, Ewing police said.

"Dymek was not satisfied with

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This estimated weight in pounds of one of the boulders a man rolled off of a cliff at a state historical site north of Bismarck, ND. Authorities said that no one was hurt when the boulder landed on a walking path at Double Ditch Indian Village. Charles Gipp, 35, of Mandan,

N.D., told investigators that he rolled the boilders for spiritual reasons. Gipp was charged with felony reckless endangerment and two misdemeanors, according to the Bismarck Tribune. He is also accused of starting a small fire at the site.

the dollar so he forced his way into the victim's vehicle and drove from the lot, sitting on top of her in the driver's seat," police said in a news release.

Callers alerted police, who pursued the vehicle into Fairless Hills, Pa, where it became disabled. Police arrested Dymek as he fled on foot.

## Police: Mom shoots dad as kids in back seat

NE COZAD — An Omaha woman was arrested and accused of fatally shooting her husband in front of their two children while the family was in a pickup along Interstate 80 in south-central Nebraska, state police said

The shooting happened near Cozad, the Nebraska State Patrol said in a news release. Troopers called to the scene said they found Joshua Jourdan, 35, of Omaha, dead in the driver's seat.

Investigators said Joshua and his wife, Kathleen, 31, had been arguing while traveling on I-80, when Joshua pulled over. Kathleen then pulled a handgun and shot her husband twice, investigators said. The couple's two children were in the backseat of the truck at the time, authorities said. They were not injured.

The patrol said Kathleen Jourdan was the one who called 911 to report the shooting and remained at the scene until police arrived.

## Car crashes into police cruiser, keeps going

ROCHESTER—A car crashed into a parked state police cruiser that had its emergency lights on and kept going before troopers caught up with the driver and arrested him, police in New Hampshire said.

A state police sergeant was inside the cruiser, which was parked in the breakdown lane of northbound Route 16 in Rochester on a motor vehicle stop. The car struck it on the driver's door, police said in a news release, add-

ing that minutes earlier, the car had been reported "all over the roadway."

Troopers caught up with the driver at the Rochester tolls. They arrested Brian Theriault, 28, of Northwood, who faces a variety of charges including driving while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

The sergeant was treated for minor injuries at a hospital and released.

## Brewery to release new stout to fight racism

ALBUQUERQUE

— An Albuquerque
brewery said it wants to fight racism with a new beer.

KOB-TV reported that La Cumbre Brewing Company will soon be offering "Black is Beautiful," an imperial stout, with proceeds going to the American Civil Liberties Union of New Mexico.

La Cumbre Brewing creative director Cory Campbell described the new beer as dark, rich, malty and roasty.

Campbell said the brewery signed onto a nationwide collaborative project because of the vital message it is spreading.

He also said the company will brew 15 barrels of "Black is Beautiful, which is about 3,000 cans. From wire reports

## **FACES**

#### New solo version of Aretha song about race, faith released

By Mesfin Fekadu

Associated Press

A never-before-heard solo version of the late Aretha Franklin's riveting and powerful collaboration with Mary J. Blige about faith and race, 2006's "Never Gonna Break My Faith," arrived June 19.

The song, released by Sony's RCA Records, RCA Inspiration and Legacy Recordings, resonates today, featuring lyrics like: "You can lie to a child with a smiling face / Tell me that color ain't about a race."

"The world is very different now. Change is everywhere and each of us, hopefully, is doing the best he or she can to move for ward and make change as positive as possible," Citve Davis, Sony Music's chief creative officer and Franklin's close friend and collaborator, said in a statement.

Dozens of artists have released song detailing the black experience amid the global protests sparked by the recent deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery and many others. Some performers have released covers of protest anthems or re-released older songs that resonate with the times, like "Never Gonna Break My Faith."

Lyrics from the song include: "My Lord, won't you help them to understand / That when someone takes the life of an innocent man / Well they've never really won, and all they've really done / Is set the soul free, where it's supposed to be."

Calling Franklin's performance "chilling," Davis said the song's lyrics and relevance "will shake every fiber in your body."

"Everyone should hear this record," Davis said. "It deserves to be an anthem."

"Never Gonna Break My Faith" won best gospel performance at the 50th Grammy Awards in 2008, marking Franklin's 18th and final Grammy win. She died in 2018 at age 76. The song was originally featured in the film "Bobby," about U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's 1968 assasination, and features background vocals from The Boys Choir of Harlem.

"This solo version has been sit"This solo version has been sitdwhen I heard Clive was making a
film on Aretha's life, I sent this
version to him. The world hasn't
heard her full performance and it
really needed to be heard, "singer
Bryan Adams, who co-wrote the
song, said in a statement. "I'm so
glad it's being released, the world
needs this right now."





# Mraz looks for the good

## Musician says donating all proceeds of his latest album to benefit social justice 'the right thing to do'

By Mark Kennedy Associated Press

Jason Mraz has a new album coming out and

he wants everyone to buy it and love it. But he's not going to make a penny on it.

The two-time Grammy-winner has promised

The two-time Grammy-winner has promised to donate all earnings from sales and streams of his reggae album "Look for the Good" — including his \$250,000 advance — to groups working for racial equality and justice.

"This is bigger than me," Mraz tells The Associated Press from his ranch in Southern California. "Now the CD itself has a purpose. The record itself actually can go out and serve."

Sales will fund Black Lives Matter, San Diego Young Artists Music Academy, RISE San Diego, Grassroots Law Project, Center on Policy Initiatives and Equal Justice Initiative.

"For me, this is my cardboard sign up at the march. This is me putting my body and my music and my name on the line to say 'I stand with this movement and I want to help move this down the field towards a more equal and just world," Mraz said.

"Look for the Good" was released June 19, the day that many celebrate the end of slavery in the U.S. Mraz vowed to make annual donations to progressive groups.

"I've made plenty of quiet donations, and that's great. But I also want to inspire other leaders in business and other leaders in music to do the same." he said.

The 12-track album was recorded last summer but finds itself quite prescient, with uplifting messages of togetherness and unity. "Something about reggae says, 'You're welcome here' or 'This is for everybody,'' Mraz said. The album includes "You Do You," a collabo-

The album includes "You Do You," a collaboration with actress Tiffany Haddish, who raps the line "We gonna march until our voices get heard." On another song, Mraz sings: "We were born to love not hate / We can decide our fate."

The roots of the album go back to the year Donald Trump won the White House and took on more importance with the police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis last month.

"For me, it started with the 2016 election and feeling like such a shift and a loss of power and a rise of a sort of ugliness that still exists in the U.S." he said.

"2020 is election year, so that's really what prompted us to be like, 'Hey, 2020 is going to be an engaged year. There's going to be debate. Things are going to happen. Who knows what. But what we need is to be prepared with some positive music,' 'Mraz said.

To make the album, Mraz teamed up with producer Michael Goldwasser, founder of indie reg gae label Easy Star Records who has also done remixes for Kelly Clarkson and Janelle Monae. Mraz's music has often dipped into regage, but Goldwasser said a whole album showing off various sides of the music made sense.

"The things that Jason wants to sing about often make sense as reggae. Jason is all about making a better world and calling out social issues and how we can improve upon them," Goldwasser said.

Mraz is best known for his 2008 hit "I'm Yours," which got to No. 6 in 2008. His other hits include "Lucky" with Colbie Caillat, "I Won't Give Up" and "The Remedy (I Won't Worry)."

He currently lives on a rural avocado ranch in Oceanside with his wife, Christina Carano. "We have a little room to breathe, and we have food growing in the trees," he said.

The new album has several nods to beloved TV icon Mister Rogers. Mraz is such a fan that he bought an autograph of the children's TV host on eBay just to have "his energy in my space."

The cover of the album is also a call to be better. It includes a shiny surface, asking the audience to reflect. "Look in the mirror and look for the good," he said.

Mraz joked that donating all profits from "Look for the Good" makes sense for him since he's a Sen. Bernie Sanders fan and a democratic socialist. "What good socialist would I be if I didn't share my earnings to some degree?" he said.

"I've been very blessed. I've had a lot of great albums. I've had a lot of success. I'm in a privileged position where I can do this and I can help. So it feels good. Feels like the right thing to do." 'Lord of the Rings' actor Ian Holm dies

rrom wire reports

Ian Holm, an acclaimed British actor whose long career included roles in "Chariots of Fire" and "The Lord of the Rings" has died. He was 88.

Holm died peacefully June 19 in a hospital, surrounded by his family, his agent, Alex Irwin, said in a statement. His illness was Parkinson's-related.

A star of stage and screen, Holm won a Tony Award for best featured actor as Lenny in Harold Pinter's play "The Homecoming" in 1967

An established figure in the Royal Shakespeare Company, he won a Laurence Olivier Award for best actor for his performance in the title role of "King Lear" in 1998.

He won a British Academy Film Award and gained a supporting-actor Oscar nomination for portraying pioneering athletics coach Sam Mussabini in the hit 1982 film "Chariots of Fire."

He also appeared in "The Fifth Element," "Alien," "The Sweet Hereafter," "Time Bandits," "The Emperor's New Clothes" and "The Madness of King George." More recently, he portrayed Bilbo Baggins in "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings" trilogies. Holm was knighted in 1998 for

Holm was knighted in 1998 for his services to drama.

## Raven-Symone posts wedding photos

Raven-Symone says she's single no longer.

"I got married to a woman who understands me from trigger to joy, from breakfast to midnight snack, from stage to home," Raven-Symone wrote in a post June 18 that included a photo of her embracing Miranda Maday.

"I love you Mrs. Pearman-Maday!" wrote Raven-Symone, whose birth name is Raven-Symone Pearman.

Photos in another post indicated the ceremony was held in a home's backyard.

Raven-Symone gained fame as a child actor in "The Cosby Show" and went on to lead her own series that included "That's So Raven" and "Raven's Home." Her other credits include "black-ish," "The View" and "The Masked Singer."

A LinkedIn profile for Miranda Maday describes her as a social media manager who has worked in the entertainment industry for more than a decade, including as a personal and executive assistant.

#### Other news

■ A judge has extended to three years a restraining order taken out by pop star Billie Eilish against a man who repeatedly appeared at her Los Angeles home. ■ Carlos Ruiz Zafon, author

Carlos Kuiz Zaion, autro,
of the best-selling novel "The
Shadow of the Wind" and one of
the world's most popular Spanish
writers, has died. He was 55. His
Spanish publisher, Planeta, said
in a news release June 19 that
Zafon died in Los Angeles. It gave
no cause of death, but Zafon was
known to have cancer.

Top: Singer-songwriter Jason Mraz poses June 16 at his home in Oceanside, Calif. The two-time Grammy-winner is donating all earnings from sales and streams of his new reggae album "Look for the Good," including his \$250,000 advance, to groups advancing equality and justice.

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## Room for racial progress on therapy couch

By LORI GOTTLIEB Special to The Washington Post

ver the past few weeks, since George Floyd's killing in Minneapolis police custody galvanized conversations about racism across the globe, conversations have

been taking place among mental health practitioners. We've been discussing the emotions that our patients have been bringing up in sessions — the anger and sadness and grief. But we've also been discussing what's come up for us, the clinicians.

Of all the professions associated with

racism, therapy probably isn't what first comes to mind. Therapy is a healing profession that self-selects for compassionate people who have a deep interest in illuminating rather than suppressing uncomfortable truths. But what happens if mental health practitioners aren't aware of their own discomfort with the topic of race? We're supposed to be the profession where nothing gets swept under the rug, but are we complicit in doing just that?

I am white, and when I was in graduate school, professors spoke openly to students about the fact that most therapists are white, and that white therapists needed to examine the assumptions they carry as white people — say, white culture's focus on individualism and separating from family in young adulthood vs. another culture's valuing community and multigenerational households. We talked about the shame that certain cultures feel when deciding to see a therapist and learned about systemic factors that disproportionately affect mental health care access. We discussed the ways in which race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and socioeconomic status subject people to discrimination — and, in turn, depression, anxiety and trauma.

But here's what we didn't talk about: the racism that might take place inside the supWe're supposed to be the profession where nothing gets swept under the rug, but are we complicit in doing just that?

posedly "safe space" of our therapy rooms our patients' racism and our own.

An example: A white patient is telling me a story about being afraid while walking to her car on a deserted street because there was "a black man" standing nearby. She had been raped two years earlier on a deserted street - by a white man. I wonder why this man's skin color matters, and I want to say something like, "Tell me why you mentioned that he was black." But I don't, and I justify it to myself by thinking that I shouldn't interrupt her story while she's crying, or that my saying this might sound judgmental. But I also know that if I were a therapist committed to racial equity, I would have asked.

Another example: I'm seeing a black patient, a woman who looks a lot like me on paper - we're both professionals, we went to the same college, we're moms of kids about the same ages. And because of our similarities - and also my unstated reluctance to go there - we tacitly collude in pretending that she isn't black and I'm not white. Until one day she tells me about an incident at her company, where she is one of the few black executives: Her white boss chose a white woman for a promotion that she had fully expected to earn, and my patient would have been the first black executive to be promoted to this level. The white woman was not nearly as experienced or qualified, my patient tells me. And she says this is the story of her life - a story she hadn't told me about until that day.

We may have a lot in common, but unlike her I had never walked into a classroom at our college and wondered if I had to prove myself worthy of being there; I hadn't sat in the dining hall and overheard someone talking about "affirmative-action" students who got into the school more easily; I never stepped foot in a job interview and watched someone try to cover her surprise because, based on my résumé, she had expected my skin to be lighter. I wasn't treated differently in restaurants, assumed to be the caterer at a party at which I was a guest or a maid at a hotel where I was staying, or questioned about whether I belonged in business class on an airplane because of the color of my skin. There were differences between this patient and me, and I chose to be willfully colorblind, thinking that I was being inclusive and "not a racist" when I was really denying my patient's experience of being discounted and minimized and humiliated - the trauma of being black in America.

Racism has a significant impact on mental health. There's a world of difference between the so-called cultural competence that we were taught in graduate school and cultural humility, which is a deep curiosity about our patients' experiences, an ability to bear witness to the truth of their lives and a keen awareness that we have work to do if we want to be therapists who are part of the change that our patients - and society — so desperately needs.

As a therapist, I am used to providing people with guidance. Now, though, I am committing myself to asking the questions I hope that my asking them aloud, instead of hiding behind my shame, will encourage others in the mental health field to do the

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## My father baked love into kitchen conversations

By KATHLEEN PARKER Washington Post Writers Group

CAMDEN, S.C. he kitchen of my childhood was

my father's kingdom. A single dad for all but one of my teen years, he and I shared a large, empty house situated on a Central Florida lake, taking turns with solitude and the few chairs left behind by a series of wives.

Our kitchen took turns, too. Sometimes it was a clubhouse for lonely bachelors full of goodwill, liquor and jokes. All divorced or widowed, the six or seven of them would convene for cocktails and banter, which I raptly observed from a respectful distance. My private admiration society, they were equal parts "uncle" and protector, who left little gifts on the pillow of my psyche - respect, trust and faith in the goodness of men.

It is little wonder that I grew up interested in politics. Two of the men were journalists, one a newspaper columnist. My father insisted I watch "Meet the Press" each Sunday and that I never miss William F. Buckley's "Firing Line." I confess to liking Buckley, but the all-male lineups on "MTP" left me bored and amazed that my father could tell them apart.

Most of the time, the kitchen was a Socratic classroom in which we'd pick up the conversation where we'd left off the previous night. Ever since my mother's death when I was 3, my father had been a constant - my mentor, teacher, driver and, as he used to joke, my butler. He taught me how to think, how to do, and how to be: "Be slow to know, Katalina."

Whatever critical thinking skills I acquired in life, I attribute primarily to these kitchen talks.

Of necessity, "Popsie" was also my personal chef. He had learned basic culinary skills as well as sewing in college, where he claimed he had taken a home economics class. Maybe he was imagining a time when he might have to fend for himself. or more likely, trying to confect alternatives to his odd, convent-raised mother's unimaginative gruel. His explanation for taking the course was that "that's where all the girls were" — a World War II-era version of "Must Love Dogs."

Preparing supper together was a ritual that kept us both sane and less lonely. Avid timekeepers, we'd rendezvous in the kitchen promptly at six, no -ish about it. The kitchen featured a large cooking island, otherwise known as Popsie's lectern, where he would assume command, while I, the perennial plebe, perched on a plain wooden stool as sous chef, peeled the

We talked. And talked through cooking and dinner — and sometimes until much later when we topped off the evening with Johnny Carson's "Tonight Show." Apparwe were night owls, though I'm a morning dove these days.

Whatever critical thinking skills I acquired in life. I attribute primarily to these kitchen talks. The son of an English professor and, by age 14, a state-champion debater, my father possessed the gift of language. And, thanks to his mother's unique cruelties (she put him to bed at 5 n m and hid him in a closet when he was born with the second and third toes connected), he developed a wicked wit and a grand sense of humor. Always entertaining, his wit could be lethal. Quickness was essential for those attracted to his gaze

Fortunately for me, I learned to read his mind and could distract the laser beam of his gimlet eye. I was a good listener, which, he frequently argued, is all a man wants from a woman. Hmmmm. He also said that marriage is a long conversation, which probably explained his serial husbandry. When he was about to wed his fifth wife, I reminded him of the long conversation, whereupon he said, "If I want intellectual stimulation, I'll go to the library."

I've missed my father for more than 20 years now, though I sometimes catch the glow of his cigarette as he steps from behind a distant tree. Of course, he would haunt a stand of trees, the subject of many of our God-filled talks and the company he often sought. Most evenings between work and supper he'd fix a cocktail and taking the garden hose in his other hand, walk up the hill to water a dozen oaks he had planted there. A boy raised among rosaries, the grown man found prayer in a church of living oaks.

Come to think of it, that's what he was. He was my oak - sturdy and constant as the plain wooden stool in my kitchen. Happy Father's Day, Popsie. And thank you.

#### OPINION

## Choice on wearing mask defines 2 Americas

By Doyle McManus Los Angeles Times

hen the coronavirus began scything through America's cities in March, we were warned to steel ourselves for a terrible wave of deaths. But we were reassured that if we wore masks, washed our hands and stuck to social distancing, the disease curve would flatten and decline.

That's not what's happening. The curve flattened, all right, but the decline has slowed to a crawl.

In at least half a dozen states — Arizona, Florida, Texas, Arkanasa and North and South Carolina — the number of cases is rising steeply. It's up in nearly 20 other states, including California, as well. More than 20,000 people are dying every month from COVID-19.

By October, according to a forecasting model once used by the White House, total U.S. deaths could top 200,000, a sharp increase over its previous projection. "The first wave still isn't over," Ashish

"The first wave still isn't over," Ashish Jha, director of Harvard's Global Health Institute, told me. "We flattened the curve, and then we lost interest. It's understandable that people want to be done with it. But the virus is not done with us."

At this rate, a second wave of infections
— the one that's long been forecast for flu
season this fall — could arrive before the
first wave ever ends.

Several things went wrong. But the main problem is this: As a nation, we are flunking a test of self-restraint. Instead of states reopening slowly and carefully in accordance with public health guidelines, many are reopening regardless of the risk to people's health.

In April, White House officials set out four conditions a state should meet before it eases social distancing rules: a declining number of infections, a declining rate of positive tests, a robust testing system for health workers and enough hospital capac-

ity to handle a surge.

Arizona hasn't met any of those standards, but it's reopening anyway — including allowing indoor nightclubs to operate. In the first half of the month, its COVID-19 cases soared 102%.

According to one theory, Arizona's hot summer will result in more infections, not fewer — because the searing desert heat drives people indoors. Maybe reopening casinos in Las Vegas wasn't such a great idea after all.

Do businesses and their employees deserve a chance to get back to work? Of course they do. But are crowded bars and nightclubs, prime locations for the virus to spread, really an essential part of Arizona's econom?

Similar stories have come from Florida, which recorded its highest one-day count of new cases on Tuesday — plus 55 deaths, the most of any state for the day.

Or Texas, which also reported a new high of cases, and where Gov. Greg Abbott — who had championed the state's rapid reopening — scolded young people for not wearing masks and pleaded with citizens to "stay at home."

The problem isn't limited to the Sun Belt. In the past week, the governors of Oregon and Utah paused their states' reopenings, and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo warned that he might follow suit.

But there's an added political problem in many Southern states, because their governors insisted that they could reopen safely and staked their reputations on the outcome

"We're starting to see a tale of two different countries," Jha said, with states that reopened slowly and carefully, and states that reopened guickly and beedlessly.

that reopened quickly and heedlessly.

The problem isn't the young people who heard "reopening" and crowded mask-free into restaurants and bars after months obeing cooped up at home. It's the leaders—from the White House to the statehouses—who told them it was OK to do so.



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI

A bicyclist wears a face mask Thursday on a section of Denver's Larimer Street that is cordoned off so eateries can expand outdoor seating amid the pandemic.

To listen to President Donald Trump, the pandemic is already over — and he ended it just in time for the November election.

"We were able to close our country, save millions of lives, open," Trump said this month. "And now the trajectory is great."

As a sign of his confidence, he held his first campaign rally in three months Saturday in an indoor hockey arena that seats 19,000. It was in Tulsa, Okla., another state that hasn't met the White House criteria for reopening.

Through his own behavior — refusing to

wear a mask, failing to stay 6 feet from the people around him, and holding an indoor rally for supporters (who had to sign waivers saying they would not sue the Trump campaign if they got COVID-19) — the president is making clear he doesn't care whether anyone follows the public health guidelines.

So it's hard to fault anyone, young or old,

who follows his cue.
"The government has been handing out a complicated message," Keith Humphreys, a professor of psychiatry at Stanford, told me. "We're asking people to open up as if the pandemic were over — while telling them that they still need to be careful. That doesn't work; people want to hear one clear message. It's natural for a lot of them to go for the simple message that "is over and life can go back to normal."

"If the president had consistently worn a mask, it would have made a difference," he added. "If he had enforced social distancing at the podium, it would have made a difference. That was a big missed opportunity."

The irony is that most of the public was willing to undergo more hardship to end the pandemic — and still is.

An Axios-Ipsos poll last week found that 60% of Americans say they're willing to stick with social distancing for another year or more, if needed; 77% say they wear a mask at least some of the time when they leave their homes. The scofflaws are a minority.

But the president and too many governors aren't taking advantage of their citizens' good sense.

It will be a tragedy if the United States, which already leads the world in deaths from COVID-19, ends the year without having tamed the virus — but that's where we're headed. Not only a tragedy; a national shame.

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## How to keep the military out of the 2020 election

By DEREK CHOLLET AND JOHN GANS Special to The Washington Post

Promost of the nation's history, Americans and the U.S. military have been able to take for granted peaceful transitions of power.

People cast their ballots. The votes get counted, a new president forms a team, and a few months later, the military helps to put on a terrific inaugural parade. Such a tradition is no accident: Deliberate choices have long kept the U.S. armed forces subordinate to civilians and separated from politics. Our democracy has endured because both sides prefer it that way.

This aversion to politics has been difficult to maintain in the Trump era. President Donald Trump calls senior of ficers "my generals." He routinely treats speeches before troops as political rallies. And as protests swelled in recent weeks, the threatened to deploy active-duty troops to U.S. cities and had military personnel aggressively break up a peaceful protest in Lafayette Square. He even used the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. Mark Milley, as a fatigue-clad prop during the now-infamous photo op in front of St. John's Episcopal Church across from the White House — a stunt in which Milley now regrets participating.

All these incidents make clear that Trump sees the military not as a constitutionally established instrument of government commanded by the president, but as an armed force that exists to serve the president. For more than three years, senior military leaders have taken pains to try to accommodate their apolitical norms with their very abnormal commander in chief. But time and again, Trump has simply rolled over both the brass and their norms, getting what he wants — or close to it — despite concerns voiced in private and regrets aired in the days after.

It is hard to overstate the risks either to the military or the nation's democracy if that pattern repeats itself in the aftermath of the election in November, when the stakes will be far higher. If Trump loses, military leaders can do nothing to stop him from tweeting that the vote was rigged, claiming an insurrection and threatening a "tougher" response. But they can take proactive steps now to ensure that Trump doesn't use those in uniform to try to legitimize his rants or suggest the military is taking his side.

As recent weeks have reminded us, it is as easy to sleepwalk into disaster as it is to stroll across Lafayette Square. As such, the brass need to try, as they do in other situations, to think about crises before they materialize and take steps to prevent them. Defending norms after they have been trampled — or apologizing after the fact — does not do much good.

Instead, military leaders need to get ahead of Trump's temptations and insiminations and vow publicity that they will only support a peaceful, democratic transition of power and leave it to the courts and Congress to resolve any electoral disputes.

Such proactive steps are about prevention, creating expectations in Washington and across the country to condition Trump from even looking in the military's direction to support any conspiracy theories or nower graps

With its power to regulate and fund the military, Congress should pass legislation affirming the rules of the road, starting by acting on calls to amend the 1807 Insurrection Act to make it harder for the president to use active-duty forces for domestic purposes. Congressional oversight committees should also use upcoming hearings to give military leaders further incentive for thinking about this possibility and an opportunity to make public these concerns and commitments. And retired senior officers and former civilian defense leaders need to continue to reaffirm the military's role in a democratic society and a peaceful transition.

Should prevention fail, however, Milley and other senior uniformed leaders need to prepare for the worst. They must think through their posture in the days after the election to support an orderly transition and continuity of government if the results are unclear or simply not accepted by the president. This planning must be as much about what the chiefs won't do as about what they will, and include specific guidance to officers who oversee operational, legal and public affairs.

Down the chain of command, uniformed leaders need to know what steps to take — and not to take — at a fraught moment

when everything will be tinged with politics and closely examined by both sides. This includes detailed instructions for any post-election engagement with the president, such as what events to participate in, who attends and which uniform to wear to the White House. Milley and his team also need to think ahead about when and why they would use their most serious weapon: resignation, which the chairman reportedly considered after his walk across Lafayette Square.

This is all a distressing possibility — the stuff of bad movies and banana republics. But recent events are worrying. This year's vote is likely to be close and complicated by the coronavirus and a record number of mail-in ballots. Five months before the election, Trump — who still disputes losing the popular vote in 2016 — has already declared if 'ratinetd' and subject to "MAS-SIVE FRAUD AND ABUSE."

Fortunately, our military leaders do not have to wait to read what Trump tweets the morning after the election to reassure Americans that they will bnorr their oath to defend the Constitution and the electoral system it establishes. Although our military leaders cannot — and should not — have any role in deciding the next commander in chief beyond casting a ballot, they can take steps now to prevent the president from trying to give them one.

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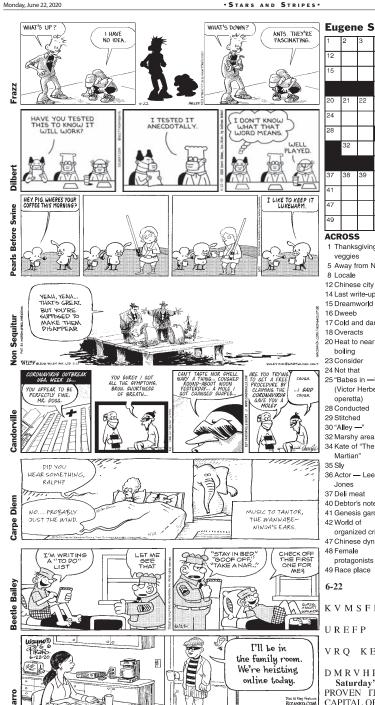


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## HORSE RACING/AUTO RACING



Tiz the Law, with jockey Manny Franco up, approaches the finish line on his way to win the 152nd running of the Belmont Stakes. Saturday, in Elmont, N.Y.

## **Belmont:** Tiz the Law races to victory in first leg of unprecedented Triple Crown

since the coronavirus pandemic seized the area. He's the first New York-bred horse to win the Belmont since Forester in 1882.

"It's a lot smaller crowd, that's for sure," said owner Jack Knowlton, who watched from a restaurant patio in the familiar surroundings of Saratoga Springs.

The 4-5 favorite won by 334 lengths, covering the 11/8 miles in 1:46.53. Dr Post finished second and Max Player was third.

The race was shortened from the usual 11/2-mile standard to account for competitors' unusual training schedules. Horses kicked off from a starting gate placed atop the backstretch, rather than in front of the grandstands.

In most every way, this Belmont States was unlike any of the 151 that preceded it. The Long Island track can pack in nearly 100,000, but this race had about 100 on hand, including jockeys, media and park staff.

Masks were mandated for all but the horses — even the jockeys wore face coverings.

Closed to the public since March, Belmont Park hardly resembled the summer soiree New Yorkers are used to. Betting windows and gift shops were closed, not a single boozy Belmont Breeze to sip.

Silence at the 115-year-old venue was broken when New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo issued the traditional "riders, up!" call remotely via video. Longtime bugler Sam Grossman pulled down his facemask to tap out "Call to the Post," and horses strolled onto the track to a recording of Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York." A PA announcer introduced them to empty grandstands.

Signs outside the locked down venue instructed gamblers that if they wanted to wager on this Belmont Stakes, their best bet was to download an app and do it on their phones.

Perhaps a welcome harbinger for Tap It to Win. who led out of the gates and seemed poised to give trainer Mark Casse a third straight Triple Crown race victory.

Instead, Tiz the Law powered past him on the out-

side and cruised to victory.

"Everything just went like clockwork," Tagg said. Knowlton, from New York's Sackatoga Stable, noted this race was a little different than 17 years ago, when the Sackatoga crew took a school bus to watch their colt Funny Cide try to wrap a Triple Crown at Belmont Park. Funny Cide finished third that day.

It was also a breakthrough win for Tagg, who completed a career Triple Crown after also training Funny Cide.

Tagg said he wasn't sure if Tiz the Law would pull it off until the final 100 yards. The colt paid \$3.50, \$2.90 and \$2.60.

Manny Franco, a 25-year-old jockey from Puerto Rico, entered the winner's circle in his first career Belmont Stakes. He called Tiz the Law a "versatile" horse in the run-up to the race, and what he showed Saturday was typical — stalk the pacemakers early,

then pounce on the home stretch.

"It means a lot to me," Franco said. "This is my home track. I've ridden here for about six years already. One leg of the Triple Crown is the dream of any jockey. I'm happy with the opportunity I have right now.

Dr Post, owned by famed trainer Todd Pletcher, paid \$5.80 and \$4.20. Max Player paid \$5.20.

Plenty remained on the line. Tiz the Law earned Knowlton the top share of a \$1 million purse, and the top four horses earned Kentucky Derby qualifying

## Teammate helps Haley earn first Xfinity win

Associated Press

TALLADEGA, Ala. - Justin Haley took the lead on the final with help from Kaulig Racing teammate Ross Chastain and held on Saturday at Talladega Superspeedway for his first Xfinity Series victory.

Haley passed Jeb Burton, the fellow Chevrolet driver who held the lead going into a restart with three laps to go, on the outside with a push from Chastain and finished 0.299 seconds ahead.

He climbed out of the right side of his car to start the celebration.

"I've been thinking about, everyone has their own deal," Haley said. "That's mine. That's going to be my signature mark, only because I'm the littlest guy. I think I'm the only one who can do it and I still struggled."

Haley also won the rain-shortened Cup race at Daytona last July and is a three-time Truck Series winner, giving him victo-

ries in each of NASCAR's three top national series.

He celebrated with Chastain, who won the \$100,000 Dash 4 Cash

Burton finished third after Haley beat him to the line on the

final restart. "I thought it was OK." Burton said. "He definitely did jump a

little bit. He beat me to the line." The race was marred by two

late red-flag cautions. The second came when Noah Gragson spun after contact from JR Motorsports teammate Justin Allgaier when Chastain made a

blocking move. "I'm sorry, y'all," Allgaier told his team over the radio. "The 10 (Chastain) tried to block Noah and he had nowhere to go. It

wasn't his fault." The race also restarted with 14 laps to go after a five-car pileup when the single file stacked up. bringing out a red flag caution.

#### Scoreboard

#### Unhinged 300

Unhinged 300

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Race Statistics
Average Speed of Race Winner:
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Margin of Victory: 0.299 seconds.

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## Hamilton to set up commission to increase F1 diversity

LONDON - Six-time Formula One world champion Lewis Hamilton is to set up a commission to increase diversity in motorsport. The Mercedes driver said the aim of the

Hamilton Commission would be to make the sport "become as diverse as the complex and multicultural world we live in."

Writing in British newspaper The Sunday Times, Hamilton said it would be a re-

search partnership dedicated to exploring how motorsport can be used as a vehicle to "engage more young people from Black backgrounds with science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects and, ultimately, employ them on our teams or in other engineering sectors."

"I've been fighting the stigma of racism throughout my racing career - from kids throwing things at me while karting, to being taunted by fans in black face at a 2007 grand prix, one of my first Formula One races," he wrote. "I'm used to being one of very few people

of color on my teams and, more than that, I'm used to the idea that no one will speak up for me when I face racism, because no one personally feels or understands my experience."

Hamilton, who is the only Black world champion in F1, has spoken widely about racism after saying he was left feeling "so much anger, sadness and disbelief" following the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis last month.

He wrote in the paper that the "institutional barriers that have kept F1 highly exclusive persist," adding that the thousands of people employed in motorsport need to be more representative of society.

"Winning championships is great, but I want to be remembered for my work creating a more equal society through education," he added.

#### MLB/NFL



MIKE EHRMANN/A

In a Major League Baseball season shortened to 60 or 70 games, elite starting pitchers such as the Astros' Justin Verlander will still go deep into ballgames but otherwise. mixing and matching relievers will be a key strategy.

# MLB may have college vibe with short season

By David Brandt Associated Press

PHOENIX — John Stuper remembers some of the first advice he got from veterans when he joined the St. Louis Cardinals as a rookie pitcher in 1982. Don't get too high or too low during Major League Baseball's grueling 162-game schedule or you'll go insane.

Now as a veteran college coach with the Yale Bulldogs, the 63-year-old is the one who has some advice.

who has some advice.

"A college baseball season is totally different," Stuper said. "It's a sprint."

If MLB and the players' union can come to an agreement and partially save the season amid the coronavirus pandemic, the 60- to 70-game schedule will look somewhat similar to a college schedule. NCAA Division I teams play a maximum of 56 games during the regular season and top 70 games if they advance to the College World Series.

Some fans might miss the leisurely pace of baseball's usual summer grind, but a condensed schedule could bring perks.

Grand Canyon coach Andy Stankiewicz who was a utility infielder in the big leagues for seven seasons during the 1990s—said he's grown to appreciate the subtle differences in the college and pro experience.

"It's going to be quick and accelerated right out of the gate," Stankiewicz said. "It's going to be, 'Let's go man, we can't afford to lose today.' Managers are going to be making more decisions to win today and then worry about tomorrow when it's tomorrow."

There's a handful of former MLB players who are now in the college coaching ranks. Here are some of their thoughts on what to watch for during a shortened season:

#### Pitching depth is king

Four-time All-Star closer Troy Percival is now the coach at UC Riverside and said he believes the recent trend of shorter outings for starting pitchers will accelerate. He said the aces — guys like Justin Verlander and Gerrit Cole — will still go deep into ballgames but otherwise, mixing and matching relievers will be a key strategy.

If rosters expand, pitchers who might normally be in Triple-A will suddenly be pitching important innings for the big club.

"I just think every game, everyone's going to be ready," Percival said. "Guys in the bullpen stretching in the first inning, always alert. It'll be interesting. I always like to see starters go seven and hand to the bullpen, but that might not be possible. There will be a whole lot of changes and moves. Managers who are good at that will excel."

But having a Verlander or Cole might prove even more valuable than usual. Instead of the usual 32 or 33 starts per season, an elite pitcher will be on the mount just 12 to 14 times, and the cumulative wear and tear of a long season won't be as big of a concern. Aces might be asked to go slightly deeper into games.

#### Who's ready?

It's been a long layoff for baseball, which suspended spring training on March 12 because of the coronavirus. After three months, it appears players will be given about three weeks to get ready.

Stuper said hitters shouldn't have much fa problem. But pitchers — who usually have six weeks in a normal spring training to prepare — won't have as much time. In a college-style season, there's no time to get in shape when every game is crucial.

"You're going to find out who has used this time off wisely," Stuper said. "Who has been staying in shape and who has been drinking beer and eating pretzels?"

#### Sit down subs

Stankiewicz and Tracy Woodson made their big-league living as utility players. They were good at coming off the bench and providing a lift as a spot starter or pinch hitter. During a six-month, 162-game grind, not everyone can be Cal Ripken Jr. and play every single day.

Woodson was a key backup on the 1988 Los Angeles Dodgers, who went on to win the World Series. Now he's the coach at the University of Richmond.

With a season that lasts less than about three months, utility players aren't always as crucial in the college game. The same might happen this year in the big leagues.

"If there's 60 games on the schedule, someone like Mike Trout is going to play 60 games," Woodson said.

#### **Changing strategy?**

Stuper spent three years with the Cardinals in the 1980s under manager Whitey Herzog, who was famous for a small ball approach the used the speed of players such as Ozzie Smith and Willie McGee to produce runs. That approach has gone out of style as teams rely more on power.

But desperate situations might make teams turn to different strategies. Squeezing out a run might call for a throwback approach.

"Who knows? I think there'll be a lot of unseen consequences to a shorter season," Stuper said. "Managers will have to evolve"

# **Union to players: Stop working out together**

By Sam McDowell The Kansas City Star

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — As coronavirus cases spread throughout sports organizations, the NFL Players Association sent its players a strong advisement Saturday:

Stop working out together.

In a statement authored by Dr. Thom Mayer, the association says "no players should be engaged in practicing together in private workouts."

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"Please be advised that it is our consensus medical opinion that in light of the increase of COVID-19 cases in certain states that no players should be engaged in practicing together in private workouts," Mayer's statement read. "Our goal is to have all players and your families as healthy as possible in the coming months.

"We are working on the best mitigation procedures at team facilities for both training camps and the upcoming season, and believe that it is in the best interest of all players that we advise against any voluntary joint practices before camp commences."

The league's players have seen an increase in coronavirus cases over the past few days, as have sports organizations across multiple leagues. Earlier Saturday, two Buccaneers players tested positive for COVID-19, per an ESPN report. On Friday, NFL Network reported that a 49ers player also tested positive, and he had been working out with teammates in Nashville. Those teammates, which included the team's quarterbacks and skill position players, are awaiting the results of their own tests.

Multiple Texans and Cowboys players have also tested positive for coronaavirus, including running back Ezekiel Elliott. Broncos safety Kareem Jackson announced on social media on Thursday that he has coronavirus after "experiencing mild symptoms."

The NFL has released its 2020 schedule, and it remains unaltered, pending the state of affairs with the pandemic.

The NFL has allowed coaches to return to training facilities, but the only players permitted inside the training facilities have been those rehabbing from injury.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious diseases, had expressed doubt that football can be played this fall. The NFL's medical officer, Dr. Allen Sills, responded, "We will be flexible and adaptable in this environment to adjust to the virus as needed."

#### **Briefs**

# Redskins retire Mitchell's jersey, rename stadium level

Associated Press

The Washington Redskins will retire the jersey of Hall of Famer Bobby Mitchell. They will also rename the lower level of FedEx Field for him, replacing the section named for former owner George Preston Marshall.

The team, which is under pressure to change its name during the ongoing national reckoning over racism, said Saturday that Mitchell's No. 49 will become only the second jersey in the franchise's 88-year history to be retired. The other is the No. 33 of Hall of Famer Sammy Baugh.

Mitchell, Washington's first African American player, died in April. The Redskins were the last NFL team to integrate

Significantly, dropping Marshall's name from the lower bowl of the stadium follows by one day the removal of his statue at RFK Stadium, the team's former home. Marshall moved the team from Boston to Washington and resisted integrating the roster with Black players until "forced to do so" in 1962.

The team's announcement of the change did not mention Marshall, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1963 and died in 1969

Events DC officials who oversee RFK Stadium in Washington (FedEx Field is in Landover, Md.) called the removal a "small and overdue step on the road to lasting equality and justice."

Calls for the team to change its nickname have ramped up, too, and the Washington Post's editorial board on Friday called on Redskins owner Daniel Snyder to do so.

Mitchell, who played running back and receiver, not only was one of Washington's greatest players, but a trailblazer.

"Bobby was our Jackie Robinson," said Brig Owens, an outstanding safety for the team. "He had to handle the pressure of being the first African American football player to integrate the Washington Redskins. He, like Jackie, was a military officer headquartered in the D.C. area when he received notice of his trade (from Cleveland).

"In the face of great adversity, he served as a role model for the Washington, D.C. community, the Redskins, its fan base and the NFL. He was committed to the National Leukemia Society and the Shaw Food Committee where for 40 years they fed over 500 families at Thanksgiving. He was more than an exceptional football player and athlete, he was an exceptional human being. He was like a brother to me."

Mitchell was an All-Pro in 1962, his first season in Washington and also his first at wideout. Mitchell led the NFL in yards receiving that season and again in 1963. In 1983, he was inducted into the Hall of

#### Dolphins RB Kiick dies at 73

MIAMI — Jim Kiick, the versatile running back who helped the Miami Dolphins achieve the NFL's only perfect season in 1972, died Saturday at age 73 following a battle with Alzheimer's disease, daughter Allio exid.

The former University of Wyoming starwas part of a formidable backfield that included his best friend, Pro Football Hall of Fame fullback Larry Csonka. They earned the nicknames Butch and Sundance, inspired by the popular 1969 movie "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid."

## **UFC/COLLEGE FOOTBALL**

# Blaydes sharpens title chance with defeat of Volkov

Heavyweight uses wrestling skills for UFC win

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — UFC heavyweight contender Curtis Blaydes dominated Alexander Volkov with wrestling Saturday night, earning his fourth consecutive victory in a suffocating unanimous decision.

Featherweight Josh Emmett won a unanimous decision over Shane Burgos in a thrilling joint performance during the penultimate bout of the latest show from the fan-free UFC Apex gym in the mixed martial arts promotion's hometown.

Blaydes (14-2) showcased his superior wrestling skills from the start against Volkov, taking down the towering Russian within the first 10 seconds and then dominating the first 3½ rounds. Volkov (31-8) landed his own takedown late in the fourth and nailed Blaydes with a few strikes early in the fifth, but Blaydes pushed through and won by bending the fight to his clear strengths on the ground.

"It's always a good experience to know you can go 25 minutes, and there's things you need to work on, but you learn them in a win," Blaydes said. "I need to work on my conditioning after the third round, but I'm happy with the win. Volkov is legit, and I'm one sten closer to a title shot!"

The 6-foot-7 Volkov flew to the U.S. with no clear idea how he will get home to Russia due to travel restrictions amid the coronavirus pandemic. He had won seven of his past eight fights, but hadn't competed since his one-sided victory over Greg Hardy in Moscow last vear.

Blaydes won on the judges' scorecards 49-46, 48-47 and 48-46.

Blaydes and Francis Ngannou are the most likely contenders to get the next shot at the UFC heavyweight title after champion Stipe Miocic completes his trilogy with former two-belt champ Daniel Cornier at UFC 252 on Aug. 15. Ngannou is responsible for the only two losses of Blaydes' career, winning their bouts in 2016 and 2018.

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Emmett and Burgos put on the performance of the night with a slugfest, with Emmett winning 29-28, 29-28 and 29-27. The 35-year-old Emmett (16-2) persevered through a knee injury in the first round to land two knock-downs and a dominant third round, but Burgos absorbed tremendous punishment and thought he had earned a decision.

The event was the fourth of five

By the numbers

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UFC wins for Jim Miller after he defeated Roosevelt Roberts on Saturday. He trails only Donald Cerrone (23) and Demian Maia (22) for most UFC victories.

**14-2** 

Heavyweight Curtis Blaydes UFC record after his win over Alexander Volkov on Saturday. His only two losses are to Francis Ngannou.

SOURCE: Associated Press

consecutive UFC shows held over five weekends with no fans on its corporate campus.

Veteran Jim Miller finished Roosevelt Roberts with an armbar in the first round of his latest miller (32-14) matched Donald "Cowboy" Cerrone's record 35th appearance in a UFC cage, and his 21st UFC victory left him trailing only Cerrone (23) and Demian Maia (22) in the promotion's history.

Former bantamweight title contender Raquel Pennington (11-8) earned only her second win since 2016 with a clear decision over 42-year-old high school teacher Marion Reneau. Pennington's fiancee, Tecia Torres, snapped her four-fight skid since 2017 with a one-sided decision over Brianna Van Buren on the early

Justin Jaynes had a storybook UFC debut, stopping Frank Camacho with strikes in just 41 seconds. The 30-year-old Jaynes accepted the fight only three days ago when Matt Frevola was pulled from the Las Vegas card because of a teammate's positive coronavirus test.

In two matchups pitting seasoned veterans, Lauren Murphy won a unanimous decision over fellow veteran flyweight Roxanne Modafferi, and Bobby Green controlled his win over Clay Guida.



DAVID I PHILLIP/A

LSU head coach Ed Orgeron holds the trophy after the team's victory over Clemson in national championship game in New Orleans in January. LSU has begun asking a number of football players to self-quarantine in the past week because of instances in which some players tested positive for COVID-19 after social interactions outside of the Tigers' training facility.

## LSU official: Football player quarantines were anticipated

By Brett Martel Associated Press

LSU has begun asking a number of football players to self-quarantine in the past week because of instances in which some players tested positive for COVID-19 after social interactions outside of the Tigers' training facility.

"This is what we anticipated. We planned for this. Our plan is working the way it should," Senior Associate Athletic Director of Health and Wellness Shelly Mullenix said Saturday, adding that none of the players have exhibited "significant" symptoms.

"We haven't seen anything even close to a bad illness, but we're prepared for that," Mullenix said. "What we have right now is quite manageable."

Mullenix declined to specify the number of players who've tested positive for COVID-19 or the precise number of those asked to quarantine, stressing that the number is fluid and can fluctuate considerably in short periods of time. But she emphasized that a single positive test could result in as many as 12 to 15 players being asked to initially quarantine because of LSU's contact tracing procedures. Several media reports have attributed specific numbers to unnamed sources. but Mullenix called those numbers "inaccurate."

"If our quarantine number is high, it means our players have been communicating not only where they've been and who've they've been with, but also their symptoms, as we instructed them to," Mullenix said.

Some schools have released figures on COVID-19 testing. On Friday, Clemson said 28 athletes or staff members have tested posWe haven't seen anything even close to a bad illness, but we're prepared for that. What we have right now is quite manageable.

Shelley Mullenix

LSU senior associate athletic director of health and wellness

itive since returning to campus June 8. Last weekend, Louisiana Tech said it had one positive test.

Mullenix said LSU has been working closely with state health officials who would be able to suggest that the football program make changes or even halt workouts at its Baton Rouge campus if they saw a need for that.

"We're fortunate in what we're seeing," Mullenix said. "If they were to ask us to close down, that would be evidence that we've crossed some threshold that's too difficult to manage."

LSU players began reporting to the on-campus training facility during the first week in June for antibody testing and physicals.

Strength training and conditioning began the following week with social distancing rules that limited the number of players in the weight room to 20 at a time at regularly sanitized and spacedanart racks. Each rack contains all weights needed for the day's workout, so there's no need for players to cross paths or take turns using the same equipment. The racks are sanitized between each use and LSU also has set up machines like those in hospitals which circulate air through virus-killing ultraviolet light.

Conditioning takes place three outdoor football fields.

Also, players must answer a

series of questions and have their temperature scanned before they may enter the facility.

"We're monitoring it on a daily basis," Mullenix said. "We're catching people (with temperature or symptoms) where we want to catch them, right at the entrance, and we're able to quarantine people before they even

get into the facility."
Mullenix said LSU's combination of testing for antibodies and
active disease, as well as contact
tracing, has enabled the university to virtually rule out transmission occurring at on-campus
football facilities.

But she noted that LSU always expected at least some players and possibly coaches to contract the virus throughout the year.

"It's a pandemic; by definition, it would have been foolish to think it wouldn't happen," she said, but added, "If these cases are accounted for, then there's control, which is different than if you had a bunch of cases popping up and had no idea where they were coming from.

"We've limited community spread, slowed down spread through the team," she added. "It's a slow, controlled burn."

LSU, the defending national champion, is scheduled to open the season Sept. 5 against UTSA in Tiger Stadium.

# Watney's positive test, busy island rattle golf

## 'An absolute zoo': Packed Hilton Head, lack of social distancing worry golfers

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.

— Carlos Ortiz headed for dinner
near the Harbour Town lighthouse and it felt like old times,
which didn't necessarily mean

This idyllic island is a summer destination, even during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's a 30-minute wait, and once you get in there; there's no social distancing, packed tables right next to each other, kids running around," Ortiz said Saturday at the RBC Heritage. "We were impressed how nobody was wearing a mask. We talked about it on Tuesday when we saw it. We were like, 'Oh, somebody's going to get corona here.' It's crazy how busy it is in here inside the island "

Three days later, Nick Watney became the first PGA Tour player to test positive for the coronavirus.

The tour put in motion part of its plan to handle such a result, starting with 11 additional tests for anyone who might have come in close contact with Watney. The initial tests all came back negative — including Tony Navarro, his caddie, and Vaughn Taylor, who played with Watney on Thursday.

Results from a second test were expected late Saturday or Sunday.

Golf made it through 11 days of its return before getting a positive test. The question now becomes who's next, or how many more, before the show can't go on.

Rory McIlroy, who chatted with Watney on the putting green shortly before the test result was returned, says sheer numbers made it virtually impossible to think no one in golf would test positive. He was not part of the contact tracing because "we kept our distance" on the putting green.

"We're still in the middle of a pandemic," McIlroy said. "I think we've done really well to start golf again and get back up and play golf tournaments. I don't think anyone was blind to the fact that someone could catch the virus, and it's a shame Nick did. But as I said, it's one case. And as long as it's contained to that and we move forward, we can keep playing."

More stories emerged of a South Carolina resort that was busy as ever, even though fans aren't allowed on the golf course.

The tournament is typically played in April, the week after the Masters, when school is still in session. With the pandemic shutting down golf for three months, the RBC Heritage originally was canceled, and then moved to June after the Canadian Open was canceled and the U.S. Open was moved to September.

"Even if you wanted to go somewhere, there's no place to go," Joel Dahmen said. "We tried to rent bikes this week, and they're sold out."

Watney missed the cut last week at Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas, and drove home to Austin before flying to South Carolina with Sergio Garcia, who also lives in Austin.

He tested negative when they arrived, and according to McIlroy and Garcia, what led Watney to report symptoms was data on his Whoop strap that measures such metrics as heart rate, sleep and recovery.

"So it was his Whoop that told him his respiratory rate went up, and that's why he thought, 'Maybe I could have it,'" McIlroy said. Garcia also was tested again

Garcia also was tested again Friday and said he was nervous waiting four-plus hours for the result. He said Watney apologized to him "probably 25 times" and that in his text exchanges, Watney said he is feeling fine.

Watney must self-isolate for at least 10 days. It ends provided he has no subsequent symptoms or has two negative test results at least 24 hours apart.

Under the tour's 37-page "Return to Golf" protocols, players have a designated hotel that is not mandatory. They are urged not to eat out at restaurants, also a recommendation for caddies and the





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Above: Nick Watney, after playing in the first round on Thursday, was held out of the RBC Heritage Golf tournament at Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, S.C. because he tested positive for coronavirus. Below: Fans watch from a lighthouse during the third round of the tournament Saturday.

essential personnel who must be tested when they arrive at every tournament.

It's up to them what they do after hours.

Justin Thomas is staying in a villa with Jordan Spieth and Rickie Fowler, and they brought a chef. Thomas was among those who noted how busy it was on the

"No offense to Hilton Head, but they're seeming to not take it very seriously." Thomas said. "It's an absolute zoo around here. There's people everywhere. The beaches are absolutely packed. Every restaurant, from what I've seen when I've been driving by, is absolutely crowded."

Navarro said in a text he tested negative. He is self-isolating in Hilton Head, able to go to the store provided he wears a mask. He said he was staying to help Watney with anything he needs, and then planned to drive him home to Texas.

The tour administered 954 tests over the opening two weeks of its return —487 at Colonial last week in Fort Worth, Texas, 98 for those who took the charter flight to South Carolina and 369 at Hilton Head. All were negative until Watney's positive test on Eriday.

Watney's positive test on Friday.

Did that allow for a false sense

of confidence?

"It's eye-opening to see how
much the virus is out there and
how careful we have to be," Taylor
said. "I felt like coming in the last
week everyone was super careful, and then we got here, and the
vibe on the island is a little more
relaxed. I feel like we might have
gotten a little more relaxed, too.
Everyone has kind of ratcheted
it up a little bit. Not hanging out
with too many people, hanging
with too many guys."

## Four share lead at Heritage

It's another free-for-all at the RBC Heritage.

Webb Simpson practically had to apologize for a 3-under 68, in which he managed just one birdie on the back nine. He was part of a four-way tie for the lead, and that was good enough for him.

"It's not like I've got a three- or four-shot lead and could shoot a couple under," he said. "It's going to take a good one."

Tyrrell Hatton had one of six rounds at 63, giving the 28-year-old

from England a share of the lead as he goes for his second straight victory, albeit three months apart because of the shutdown.

Abraham Ancer, so solid with his irons, had a 65 and joined the lead along with Ryan Palmer, who had a 66. They were at 15-under 198, a number that didn't even start to explain the low scoring. Even with Jordan Spieth and Xander Schauffele sputtering to 75s, the field was 223-under par.

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#### PGA Tour RBC Heritage

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## **Sharp skills**

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## New York-bred Tiz the Law wins 'very nice' Belmont

By JAKE SEINER Associated Press

NEW YORK erily empty grandstands. Masked jockeys. Shuttered betting windows.

For Tiz the Law trainer Barclay Tagg, no finer way to round out a career Triple Crown.

"I'm not trying to be a jerk about

it," the 82-year-old said. "But I thought the quiet, to me, was very nice."

Everything was strange about this Belmont Stakes, except the winner.

Heavily favored Tiz the Law won an unprecedented Belmont, claiming victory Saturday at the first race of a rejiggered Triple Crown schedule that barred fans because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The 3-year-old colt from upstate New

York charged to the lead turning for home and now can set his sights on the Sept. 5 Kentucky Derby and Oct. 3 Preakness. All three legs of this year's Triple Crown schedule were postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic. Belmont, usually the series capper, was initially scheduled for June 6.

Tiz the Law gave New York a hometown champion in its first major sporting event

**SEE BELMONT ON PAGE 20** 

3-year-old colt Tiz the Law and jockey Manny Franco cross the finish line to win the 152nd running of the Belmont Stakes, Saturday, in Elmont, N.Y.